

Present Simple vs Present Continuous

Fill in the gaps with the verbs in brackets in the present simple or present continuous.

Rainforests 1 _____ (disappear), and we all 2 _____ (know) that humans are the main cause of this destruction. Every year we 3 _____ (cut down) an area of rainforest the size of New Jersey. Every hour we 4 _____ (destroy) 6000 acres of rainforest (that's 4000 football fields). What we 5 _____ (not realise) is that we 6 _____ (destroy) the planet where our children and grandchildren have to live. We 7 _____ (need) the rainforests; they 8 _____ (produce) oxygen and 9 _____ (eliminate) carbon dioxide (CO₂), cleaning the atmosphere. But why 10 _____ (the forests/disappear) so quickly? Well, experts 1 _____ (agree) that there are two main reasons. The most important is human activity. Big companies 12 _____ (cut down) more and more trees every day and this 13 _____ (cause) damage to the land. The way of life in the rainforests 14 _____ (change) because of climate change. Now there is less rain and this 15 _____ (cause) more and more trees to die. As a consequence of the droughts, the risk of fires 16 _____ (increase) dramatically. Fortunately, it 17 _____ (seem) that now some governments 18 _____ (begin) to understand the problem, and they 19 _____ (try) to control these activities. Some of them really 20 _____ (want) to put an end to this problem, although a few big companies with a lot of power are in their way.