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READING COMPREHENSION

Read the story below, answer the comprehension questions on the next page, and discuss it.

Indonesia, WWF agree to protect Sumatra Forest

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(The Jakarta Post)

The Indonesian government and WWF have announced a bold commitment to protect the remaining forests and critical ecosystems of Sumatra.

World Wildlife Fund (WWF) said the historic agreement had represented the first-ever island-wide commitment to protect Sumatra's stunning biodiversity.

The commitment was announced Thursday at the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), World Conservation Congress in Barcelona and was endorsed by the governors of Sumatra's 10 provinces, the world's sixth-largest island, and also by four ministers.

Sumatra is the only place in the world where tigers, elephants, orangutans and rhinos co-exist.

The agreement commits all the governors in Sumatra, along with the Indonesia ministries of forestry, environment, home affairs, and public works to restore critical ecosystems in Sumatra and protect areas with high conservation values.

WWF, Conservation International, Fauna and Flora International, Wildlife Conservation Society, and other conservation groups working in Sumatra have agreed to help implement the political commitment to protect what remains of the island's species-rich forests and critical areas. The island has lost 48 percent of its natural forest cover since 1985.

More than 13 percent of Sumatra's remaining forests are peat forests, which sit atop the deepest peat soil in the world; clearing peat forests is a major source of carbon emissions that cause climate change.

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Answer these questions comprehensively!

- 1 What was being explained in the 'Sumatra Forest' news?
(elaborate the information, predict the following situation, & the solution to prevent the similar event)

- 2 Can you spot the similarities event with your pair's news?

Your pair news & insight

Tick the activities you have been accomplished!

- 1 Answering the questions
- 2 Discuss your answer with your pairs.

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Read the passage and answer these questions carefully!

- 1 What is the major cause of climate change?
 - A. The existing of biodiversity in Sumatera.
 - B. The existing of tiger, elefant, orang utan, and rhino.
 - C. Critical ecosystem
 - D. Clearing peat forests
 - E. Disaster.
- 2 "...The **commitment** was announced Thursday at the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)." (third paragraph)
The word 'commitment' has a similar meaning to
 - A. Agreement
 - B. Announcement
 - C. Result
 - D. Meeting
 - E. Speaking
- 3 How much peat forest in Sumatera?
 - A. 48 percent
 - B. More than 13 percent
 - C. 13 percent
 - D. Less than 13 percent
 - E. More than 48 percent
- 4 Who issued the news?
 - A. Government
 - B. WWF
 - C. Ministers
 - D. IUCN
 - E. Jakarta Post
- 5 People can be easily found this article in...
 - A. News and Business
 - B. Astrology and geography
 - C. Astronomy and geology
 - D. Health and Nature
 - E. Finance and politic