

Fill in the gaps with the verbs in brackets in the

present simple or present continuous.

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