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LUNGS OF OUR PLANET

Forests and trees are the lungs of our planet. They take in carbon dioxide, clean the water, and give millions of animals a place to live.

Cutting down trees is very bad for our forests. Climate change is caused by cutting down trees, which in turn causes more trees to be cut down. Biodiversity, which is the variety of life forms in an ecosystem, is also lost when trees are cut down. Biodiversity helps ecosystems work well and gives people and other animals food and plants that clean the air we breathe.

People who live near such areas or work in the forest which is cut down can get breathing problems.



Deforestation can also send a lot of soil into rivers, which can contaminate them with pesticides and other chemicals used to grow crops on top of fields. When trees are cut down, they release carbon dioxide into the air, which contributes to global warming. In fact, deforestation is responsible for about 8% of all greenhouse gas emissions around the world every year, which is more than all forms of transportation put together.

Read the following text. Decide whether the statements below are True or False and choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) to complete the statements.

1. Forests help clean water and provide homes for animals.
2. Cutting down trees does not affect climate change.
3. Biodiversity means the variety of life in an ecosystem.
4. Deforestation can cause breathing problems for people nearby.

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| 5. What happens when trees are cut down? | 6. What is one effect of deforestation on rivers? |
| A. They absorb more carbon dioxide | A. It makes rivers deeper |
| B. They release carbon dioxide into the air | B. It increases fish population |
| C. They produce more oxygen | C. It contaminates water with chemicals |
| D. They clean the soil | D. It cools the water |

FUTURE PLANS

READING COMPREHENSION

Choose the word (A, B, C or D) that best fits each space in the following passage.

I'm at school now, but I've got some exciting plans for the future. I'm having a lot of fun and enjoying __ (1) __ at school, but I know I won't be here forever. If I have time after my exams, I __ (2) __ around India. I'd like to get involved a bit __ (3) __ charity work before I go to university. After my travels, I'll start my degree. People like to look after themselves these days, and I'm planning to study personal fitness. After university, I doubt that I'll waste time __ (4) __ for someone else for long. I'm hoping to __ (5) __ my own business when I'm around 30, and by the time I'm 45, I want to make my first million pounds! Then I can __ (6) __, and really enjoy life!

- 1 A. myself B. mine C. me D. my
- 2 A. travel B. traveling C. would travel D. will travel
- 3 A. in B. for C. on D. of
- 4 A. working B. to work C. work D. to working
- 5 A. settle down B. tie down C. start up D. look up
- 6 A. make friends B. get old C. retire young D. get a hobby

CHANGING THE WORLD WITH KINDNESS

Sometimes a spontaneous act of kindness can change another person's life. Read about these incredible people and their actions that helped to make the world a better place for someone else.

IN BRITAIN: Life can't be easy for musician Daniel Black. After a cycling accident in 2009, the doctors told him that he couldn't walk or play the guitar. He had saved £22,000 for his intended expensive surgery when he heard about a young boy who also needed surgery to allow him to walk. Daniel told the boy's family that he would donate all his money to the boy's surgery. The little boy was then able to walk again.

IN VIỆT NAM: In March 2020, Hoàng Tuấn Anh, a Vietnamese entrepreneur in Ho Chi Minh City invented a 24/7 automatic dispensing machine providing free rice for the poor during the Covid 19 lockdown. The machine distributed a 1.5 kg (3.3lb) bagful of rice from a small silo. The team said that people in need still had access to food and resources during the pandemic.

IN THE US: Glen James, an unemployed and homeless office worker, did something both honest and kind. The police said that he decided to return a bag with \$42,000 in it to the owner. A man called Ethan Whittington read about Glen and started a campaign to collect money for him. Ethan said that an amazing \$160,000 was raised and Glen's life hasn't been the same since.

Read the following text. Decide whether the statements below are True or False and choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) to complete the statements.

1. Daniel Black gave his money to help a boy walk again.
2. Hoàng Tuấn Anh invented a machine to sell rice.
3. Glen James kept the money he found.
4. Ethan Whittington helped raise money for Glen James.

5. What did Daniel Black originally save money for?
- A. A house
 - B. A car
 - C. Surgery
 - D. Travel

6. What did the rice machine do?
- A. Sold rice cheaply
 - B. Gave free rice to people
 - C. Stored food
 - D. Exported rice



LEARNING A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Learning a foreign language can be exciting, especially if you want to live abroad. When you decide to enroll in a course, it may lead to many opportunities. For many learners, this experience starts at a boarding school, where they acknowledge the new language and different cultures. If you have a passion for learning, you should apply for an apprenticeship or university program. Additionally, most learners find that exam results and qualifications depend on regular attendance. If you are sociable, learning a new language can help you settle down in a new country by making friends and dealing with daily tasks more easily. After graduation, speaking another language can boost your career prospects. Whether studying or working abroad, knowing the local language is essential. Applying for the right programs and succeeding in exams will help you get the necessary qualifications. This will make you feel confident as you build a new life abroad. To conclude, learning a new language is a valuable skill that opens many chances in the future.

Read the following text. Decide whether the statements below are True or False and choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) to complete the statements.

1. Learning a foreign language can create opportunities.
2. All learners study at boarding schools.
3. Knowing the local language helps you live abroad.
4. Learning a new language is not useful for careers.
5. What helps learners succeed in exams?
 - A. Talent
 - B. Regular attendance
 - C. Luck
 - D. Money
6. What can learning a language help you do socially?
 - A. Travel faster
 - B. Make friends
 - C. Earn money
 - D. Study math



ENGLISH

English is a language that many students study every year. These students include some younger ones. Others are young adults. Most are adults. Some people study on their own while others learn in class. Some people pick up the language simply by hearing it spoken in movies, on television, in the workplace, or among their friends. But few people have the good fortune to accomplish it. The majority of people struggle to learn a new language.

Acquiring new language skills! What drives everyone here to desire to study English? That question is tough to respond to. Because it is one of their topics, English is a subject that both boys and girls study at school. They study math, English, and their native language. Adult learners of English frequently do so for professional reasons. Because some of their college or university textbooks are in English, teenagers frequently learn English for their high school courses. Others pick up the language so they can read English-language publications like newspapers and magazines.

Read the following text. Decide whether the statements below are True or False and choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) to complete the statements.

1. Only adults study English.
2. Some people learn English by watching movies.
3. Most people find learning a new language easy.
4. English is studied at school by both boys and girls.
5. Why do adults learn English?
 - A. For fun
 - B. For travel
 - C. For professional reasons
 - D. For sports
6. Why do teenagers learn English?
 - A. To play games
 - B. For high school courses
 - C. To watch TV
 - D. To travel abroad