

Helping the Amazon Forest



The Amazon rainforest is a beautiful and very important place in South America. Millions of interesting animals and plants live there. The trees in the forest are very helpful because they clean the air and protect our planet.

However, the Amazon has a big problem. People cut down many trees to make big farms and roads. This problem is called deforestation. When the trees disappear, animals lose their safe homes, and the weather on Earth gets hotter.

Today, local communities and international groups are working together to fix this damage. They are starting reforestation projects to plant new trees. They do not plant just any trees; they choose native trees. Native trees are the plants that naturally belong to that specific forest.

Indigenous families and children help a lot. They care for very young trees, called saplings, in community gardens. When the saplings are strong, people plant them in the ground. It is a very slow process, but every new tree helps the birds and monkeys come back home.

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I. Multiple Choice Questions

Choose the best option.

1. Why are the trees in the Amazon rainforest helpful to our planet?

- a. Because they make the weather hotter.
- b. Because they clean the air.
- c. Because they help people build big cities.

2. What is the definition of "deforestation"?

- a. Cutting down trees to make farms and roads.
- b. Planting a lot of new trees in the forest.
- c. Animals finding a new home in the jungle.

3. What are "native trees"?

- a. Modern trees that grow very fast to sell for money.
- b. Trees that come from different continents.
- c. Plants that naturally belong to that specific forest.

4. Who is helping to grow the small saplings in community gardens?

- a. Only people from other countries.
- b. Indigenous families and children.
- c. Nobody, the trees grow without help.

II. True or False Questions.

1. Deforestation helps animals find safer and better homes.

- a. True
- b. False

2. Reforestation projects in the Amazon use any type of tree, not just native ones.

- a. True
- b. False

3. Replanting the rainforest is a very slow process, but it helps wildlife return.

- c. True
- d. False

III. Matching Exercise

Read the words and match with the correct definition.

Palabra	Definición / Significado
1. Saplings	A. A tropical forest with a lot of rain and tall trees.
2. Rainforest	B. Very young and small trees.
3. Reforestation	C. The activity of planting new trees to fix a forest.