

## **Saving the rainforests**

**What do you think the underlined words mean? In pairs, match them to their correct meaning below:**

1. The sounds of the forest were overwhelming — there was a constant cacophony of noise.
2. Illegal logging is threatening the existence of the rainforests.
3. There is a sanctuary for animals in the rainforest.
4. The ranger gave us a tour of the forest.
5. Deforestation results in the emission of greenhouse gasses.
6. I couldn't see the monkey. It was hidden by the tree canopy.
7. Nobody noticed the sound — it was so faint.
8. We need to find a deterrent to stop illegal logging.

- a. a loud mixture of different unpleasant sounds
- b. a person in charge of managing and protecting part of a public forest
- c. a place where wildlife is protected
- d. gases which cause a gradual warming of the surface of Earth
- e. not very clear
- f. something that discourages someone from doing something (the opposite of 'incentive')
- g. the activity or business of cutting down trees
- h. the highest branches of a tree, which provide cover from the sun

**Choose the best answer for each question.**

1. What is difficult to hear in the Boreo rainforest?  
a. birds b. insects c. chainsaws
2. What was the 'big surprise' about the rainforest?  
a. There was a cell phone network.  
b. There was no technology.  
c. There was illegal logging.

3. What is the second highest contributor to climate change?  
a. deforestation b. cars c. industrial processes
4. What percentage of rainforest logging is illegal?  
a. 20% b. 50% c. 90%
5. Why is it a good idea to use cell phones to detect the sounds of chainsaws?  
a. They are cheap and full of sensors.  
b. They have the right shape.  
c. They are quiet.
6. Why was it challenging to build a solar panel to power the cell phones?  
a. There are too many clouds.  
b. Tree canopies block sunlight.  
c. Solar power doesn't work.
7. Why was it important to hide the devices up in the tree canopy?  
a. to protect them from the sun  
b. to stop monkeys from eating them  
c. to keep them hidden from loggers
8. How did people around the world respond to the news of this operation?  
a. They started sending their old mobile devices.  
b. They started singing.  
c. They wanted to personally get involved in the operation

#### Match

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| 1. be very noticeable                            | take off     |
| 2. emerge, become known                          | fire up      |
| 3. find by chance                                | show up      |
| 4. bring to activity, start                      | account for  |
| 5. suggest or think of an idea or plan           | stumble upon |
| 6. bring within range of hearing                 | pick up      |
| 7. form the total of something                   | stick out    |
| 8. appear, arrive                                | throw away   |
| 9. get rid of something that you do not want any | come out     |
| 10. suddenly leave                               | come up with |

#### Now complete the sentences below with the phrasal verbs in their correct form:

1. Advertising costs account for 40% of the company's total expenditure.
2. My mobile device's sound recorder managed to .....a faint noise in the distance.

3. The meeting starts at 3pm. What time are you going to..... ?
4. I decided to..... my old laptop as I didn't need it anymore.
5. I .....these old photographs while I was tidying my desk.
6. We need to..... with a new plan to make money.
7. Nobody knows what happened to John. He just .....without telling anyone.
8. The government wants to hide it, but I believe the truth will..... one day.
9. With his orange hair, Patrick tends to..... in crowds.
10. I couldn't..... the gas heater because it was faulty.