

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 **deterrant** 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

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 toa 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. Ithese 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 justwithout 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.