

DEFORESTATION

♥ Read the deforestation text

LEARNING TO READ

4. Read the text. Answer the questions.

Deforestation

In recent years deforestation has become a problem in many parts of the world, particularly in the rainforests of Southeast Asia. Trees have been cut down to be used in construction, for making paper or to clear the land for farming or community development.

Unfortunately, when the trees are cut down it affects the animals and plants that live in the biome. In some forests, plants and animals are becoming endangered because their habitat is being destroyed.

Soil is also affected by deforestation; it can lose its nutrients by overfarming or be eroded away by rain and wind.

Trees are useful as natural air filters in polluted environments, which means that if these trees are cut down the pollutants will stay in the air. This in turn can cause acid rain when the pollutants mix with water vapor.



♥ Answer the questions

WHY ARE TREES BEING CUT DOWN?

WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES OF DEFORESTATION?