

# READING COMPREHENSION: Deforestation

Which problems do these pictures describe?



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## Deforestation: Causes and Effects

**Statistics about forests in our planet are *alarming*. More than 80% (percent) of the Earth's natural forests have already *disappeared*. Up to 90% (percent) of West Africa's coastal rain forests have *vanished*. In Brazil and Indonesia, the number of trees is *decreasing* rapidly. All this is the consequence of logging, fires, and land-cleansing for agriculture and cattle- grazing.**

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A big number of the Earth's animals and plants *reside* in forests. So, one of the *consequences* of deforestation is the loss of animal habitat. Also, rain forests help generate rainfall in many countries. Scientific studies have *proved* that the destruction of rain forests in Nigeria, Ghana, and Ivory Coast has caused about 20 years of droughts.

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# Writing: Protecting the Forest

Complete the chart with what we must do and mustn't do to protect forests in our country.

Must do	Mustn't do



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Use the ideas in the chart with to write a short paragraph about what people must do and mustn't do to protect forests in our country.

**To protect forests in our country, people must...**