

Rainforest Threats

Read the 'Rainforest Threats' section (ARTICLES) of the 'Britannica Kids – Rainforests' app on the iPad. Answer these questions using full sentences in your book.

1. What is deforestation?
the clearing, or cutting-down, of forests
2. Give five reasons for deforestation.
 - for burning
 - to make other things, e.g. buildings, furniture, paper
 - to grow crops
 - to provide grazing for farm animals
 - to build new settlements
3. What is the name of the traditional method used for deforestation?
slash and burn
4. What is the name of the process where machines or humans cut down large areas of forest and take the trees away to use as lumber?
logging
5. Why do many countries allow the rainforests to be cut down?
they are poor so it allows them to make money
6. What gas is produced when trees are burned contributing to global warming?
carbon dioxide

7. Why can deforestation cause flooding and landslides?
there are no plants to absorb all the water

Extension

Design a poster to persuade people not to cut trees down in rainforests.