

# The Deforestation Debate:

## Making Notes

**A**

Work in pairs. Turn your back to your partner and read the following extract to them. Your partner must use their note-making skills to get as much information onto their paper as they can.

There are rainforests all over the world. The Amazon is the biggest tropical rainforest in the world and stretches into nine countries. As well as Brazil, the Amazon rainforest stretches into Peru, Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Bolivia, Guyana, Suriname and French Guiana. The Amazon rainforest stretches for more than five and a half million square kilometres.

Amazingly, the rainforest used to be much bigger. Loggers have chopped down three quarters of a million kilometres in just over forty years. The loggers chop down the trees and sell the wood. Then, instead of planting more trees, they dig up the land for growing crops or farming cattle. This is called deforestation.

Through deforestation, the local people can make money and get jobs. Logging can be important to keep money coming into the community.

When you have finished, ask them to repeat their information back to you. Did your partner collect all of the important information and key facts?

Can your partner add some personal opinions to their notes, in words and phrases?

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**B**

Work in pairs. Turn your back to your partner and read the following extract to them. Your partner must use their note-making skills to get as much information onto their paper as they can.

Palm oil is a type of vegetable oil that comes from palm oil trees. You can find palm oil in some brands of chocolate, shampoo, lipstick, margarine and soap, just to name a few products! Sometimes, to make way for palm oil plantations, huge areas of rainforests are cut or burned down. When this happens, local people might lose their homes and many amazing species are put in danger.

Experts say that it is possible to meet the high demand for palm oil but that it has to be done in an environmentally-friendly way. More oil palm growers are becoming members of organisations, such as the RSPO, which supports growers to change to more responsible ways of growing oil palm trees and makes sure that they follow certain rules.

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**A**

### **Rainforests**

- all over world

### **Amazon**

- biggest tropical in world
- 9 countries
  - Brazil
  - Peru
  - Colombia
  - Venezuela
  - Ecuador
  - Bolivia
  - Guyana
  - Suriname
  - French Guiana
- 5.5 million km<sup>2</sup>
- $\frac{3}{4}$  of a million km in 40 years been chopped down (loggers)
  - sell the wood
  - dig up land (crops, farming cattle)
  - **deforestation**
    - clears the land
    - get jobs
    - money for community

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**B**

### **Palm oil**

- veg. oil from oil palm trees
- Found in
  - chocolate
  - shampoo
  - lipstick
  - margarine
  - soap
- O.P. plantations
  - huge areas rainforests cut/burnt down
  - local people lose homes
  - species put in danger
- Possible to meet high demand for P.O. in an effective way
- RSPO
  - supports growers – responsible ways to grow
  - makes sure they follow rules