

# The Deforestation Debate: For and Against

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## Key

For	
Against	

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Deforestation destroys the habitats of many animals.

With no trees to anchor it down, loose soil is being washed into rivers and polluting them with silt.

Wood is relied upon by many people for building things.

Many poorer countries depend on the money made by the logging industry.

We get a lot of our food from the rainforest, such as bananas, coffee, rice and potatoes.

There are protected areas of the rainforest where cutting down trees is not permitted.

The trees help to control the climate and water cycle.

The machinery used in deforestation adds to carbon emissions.

Even if trees are replanted, they take years to grow back, especially hardwoods.

Industries that remove trees from the rainforest, such as farming or logging, can provide work for people.

Where trees have been cut down, new ones can be replanted.



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For	orange
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