

HT1 Y3: Why is the Amazon Rainforest disappearing?

1. Key terms		Definition
1	agriculture (n)	Farming.
2	biodiversity (n)	The range of different living things on earth.
3	deforestation (n)	Destroying trees of a forest to use it for something else, usually by burning.
4	extinct/extinction (n)	When a type of animal or plant disappears forever.
5	infrastructure (n)	Everything that links people together: roads, the internet, electricity and more.
6	oxygen (n)	Invisible gas in the air which we use to breathe.
7	species (n)	A type of animal or plant.

6. Infrastructure



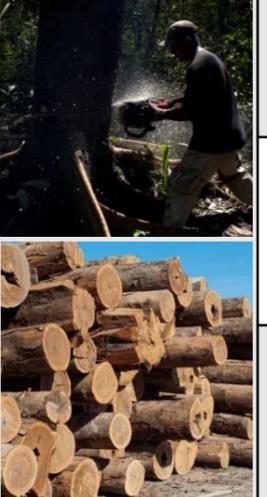
a	This is when trees are cut down to make space for roads and power supplies.
b	The amount of people living in Brazil has grown to 210 million people who need electricity, the internet and new roads.

7. Palm oil



a	Trees are cleared to make space for palm oil plantations.
b	Palm oil is used in lots of products like chocolate and crisps.
c	300 football pitches of rainforest are destroyed every hour for palm oil.

5. Timber



a	Trees are cut down for wood.
b	The wood can be used to make paper, furniture and houses.
c	Most timber used by USA, Japan and Europe.

4. Agriculture



a	Millions of trees each day are cleared to make space for crops or farm animals.
b	Agriculture is the biggest cause of deforestation.
c	74 thousand fires were started last year to destroy trees for farmland.

2. The Amazon Rainforest



- a The Amazon Rainforest is the **largest tropical rainforest in the world.** It is found in **South America.**
- b The Amazon makes **one fifth of the world's oxygen.**
- c It is very biodiverse. **3 million species** live in the rainforest, and over **2,500 tree species**.
- d The Amazon could **disappear in less than 100 years.**
- e The amount of rainforest being destroyed is equal to **over 600 KSA playgrounds each second.**

3. Layers of the Rainforest

