

Passage: The Amazing Rainforest

Rainforests are some of the most important ecosystems on Earth. They are called “rainforests” because they receive a lot of rain every year, usually more than 2,000 millimeters. Most rainforests are found near the equator, in places like South America, Central Africa, and Southeast Asia.

Rainforests are home to more than half of the world’s plant and animal species. Many animals, such as monkeys, parrots, jaguars, and frogs, depend on the rainforest for food and shelter. The tall trees form a thick canopy that blocks much of the sunlight, so plants on the forest floor must adapt to low light conditions.

Rainforests also play a major role in controlling the Earth’s climate. They absorb large amounts of carbon dioxide and release oxygen into the air. This helps reduce global warming and keeps the air clean. In addition, rainforests help control the water cycle by releasing water vapor into the atmosphere, which later falls as rain in other parts of the world.

However, rainforests are in danger. Every year, large areas are cut down to make space for farms, roads, and cities. This process is called deforestation. When trees are removed, many animals lose their homes, and the climate is affected. Scientists and environmental groups are working hard to protect rainforests, but they need help from people around the world to succeed.

Questions

1. Why are rainforests called “rainforests”?
 - A. Because they are always green
 - B. Because they receive a lot of rain every year
 - C. Because they are near the equator
 - D. Because they have many rivers
2. Which of the following animals is mentioned in the passage?
 - A. Elephants
 - B. Penguins
 - C. Jaguars
 - D. Dolphins
3. What is deforestation?
 - A. Planting new trees
 - B. Cutting down large areas of forest
 - C. Protecting animals
 - D. Cleaning the air
4. What happens when trees are removed?
 - A. Animals lose their homes
 - B. The climate is not affected
 - C. More animals move into the forest
 - D. The air becomes dirty immediately
5. Who is working to protect rainforests?
 - A. Only farmers
 - B. Only scientists
 - C. Scientists and environmental groups
 - D. Tourists