

Deforestation – For and Against Arguments

Cut out these arguments about deforestation for pupils to sort into 'For' and 'Against' piles. They can then be used as discussion points in debates, or to support pupils in planning a piece of persuasive writing.

Deforestation provides us with essential products, such as some of our paper and toilet paper.

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If deforestation continues at its current rate, there will be no rainforests on the planet in 100 years.

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In 2050, it is estimated that there will be 10 billion people on the planet. We need more space to live in and deforestation will give us that.

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There will be a negative impact on the environment because trees filter carbon dioxide out of the air that we breathe. If there are fewer trees, less oxygen will be produced.

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Deforestation makes room for more crops to be grown which can then be used to feed more people.

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Trees and plants absorb water from the ground and prevent the soil from becoming over-saturated. Therefore, deforestation will increase flooding.

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It provides job opportunities for those who work in a forest clearing.

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Indigenous people who live in the rainforests will lose their homes.

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New roads can be built which makes it easier for people to travel and to work. This will help to boost the economy of certain countries.

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Deforestation will make thousands of species of animals and plants that live in rainforests extinct.

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Deforestation makes more room for grazing animals which can then be used for food purposes and other useful products.

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Trees are a limited resource. If new trees are not planted, the products that they are used to make will one day run out.

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