

Y4 ENGLISH LESSON 2: L.O. To gather and organise ideas

The Amazon is the world's largest rainforest and it is the most biodiverse place on Earth. It is home to over 500 species of mammals including the fearsome jaguar and some pretty cheeky monkeys! Humans are the biggest threat to the world's rainforests. Large areas are cut down every minute to provide fuel, wood or paper, or cleared so that the land can be used for farming, mining or cattle ranching.



Task 1: The text shows some of the arguments for and against deforestation (the cutting down of rainforest trees).

Sort the statements into a table like the one below. *I have sorted two for you already.*

<u>Arguments for deforestation</u>	<u>Arguments against deforestation</u>
Rainforest are destroyed by nature – flooding, hurricanes, and so on – so we're better off making use of their produces than seeing them wasted	About a quarter of our medicines come from plants. But, there are many undiscovered species in the rainforest that might one day provide a cure for deadly diseases.