

# READING SKILLS

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USE BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE 	ASK QUESTIONS 	IDENTIFY THE AUTHOR'S PURPOSE 	IDENTIFY THE MAIN IDEA 
RECOGNIZE SEQUENCE 	RECOGNIZE CAUSE AND EFFECT 	MAKE INFERENCES 	MAKE PREDICTIONS 
SUMMARIZE 	DISTINGUISH BETWEEN FACT AND OPINION 	FIND FACTS AND DETAILS 	RECOGNIZE COMPARE AND CONTRAST 
MAKE CONNECTIONS 	VISUALIZE 	REREAD FOR CLARITY 	ADJUST YOUR PACING 

## **Save the Amazon!**

**The Amazon rainforest is the largest rainforest in the world. However, at the rate it is currently being cut down, this will not last much longer. Deforestation of the Amazon Rainforest affects all living things on Earth and unless it is stopped or limited, there will be serious consequences in the future. Is this what you want?**

**Firstly, deforestation causes devastating loss to animal and plant life. Cutting down the enormous Amazon trees means that animal habitats are destroyed and plants are crushed. Can you really imagine a world without certain species of animals?**

**Moreover, deforestation is causing climate change and global warming to worsen. The Amazon rainforest is described as the lungs of the Earth, therefore if we cut down these lungs, they won't be able to 'breathe in' many of the harmful gases that cause climate change and global warming. Surely someone as smart as you knows that if we carry on cutting down trees, that the Earth will become a place where no life will be able to survive! Finally, deforestation is cutting the supply of oxygen to all living things. The Amazon rainforest is responsible for 20% of all oxygen produced on Earth. We are carelessly killing the Amazon and at the same time, killing ourselves!**

**You must do something to prevent the changes that have already started because of deforestation. Animals are becoming endangered and extinct, climate change and global warming is getting worse and the amount of oxygen on Earth is decreasing. If these aren't reasons to act now, then the future of mankind and all living things is in great danger.**

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# Save the Rainforest!



**Bronze**

**Silver**

**Gold**

1. What is the largest rainforest in the world?
2. Find and copy a word similar in meaning to **reduce**.
3. Will the Amazon be around forever? What might stop this?
4. What is 'deforestation'?
5. What could the consequences be of deforestation in the Amazon?
6. Give IWO reasons why the Amazon should not be cut down.

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Here is an example of a 'modelled' answer. As in class, can the children highlight key words in the text and question, use their reading skills and answer in full sentences?

## **What does 'cause devastating loss' mean?**

The phrase devastation loss means that animals and plants might die. It could also describe the loss of the rainforest and how this could harm us all.