



## Endangered forests

### GLOSSARY:

Endangered forests: les forêts en danger	Paper : du papier
To worry : s'inquiéter	Two thirds : deux tiers
To observe : constater, observer	An area : une étendue, une zone
To respect : respecter	The size : la taille
To cut down : couper, abattre	England and Wales: l'Angleterre et le pays de Galles
To be pulped: être réduit en pâte	Deforestation: la déforestation
To turn into: transformer	The present rate: le rythme actuel
To disappear: disparaître	Rainforest: la forêt pluviale
To nibble: grignoter	The Amazon forest: la forêt amazonienne
To continue: continuer	Species diversity: la biodiversité
To wipe out: effacer, nettoyer, disparaître	Global : mondial
To shrink : rétrécir	Weather patterns : les tendances climatiques
To produce : produire	A vast lung : un vaste poumon
To be home : abriter	The Earth's oxygen : l'oxygène de la planète
To recycle : recycler	Plant species : espèces végétales
To burn : brûler	Animal species : espèces animales
To hope : espérer	The photosynthesis : la photosynthèse
To plant : planter	Nature's machine : la machine qu'utilise la nature
To launch : lancer	Carbon dioxide : le gaz carbonique
To succeed : réussir	The tree planting programmes : les programmes de plantation d'arbres
An interesting article : un article intéressant	Sustainable forestry : la sylviculture durable
A science magazine : un magazine scientifique	A recent awareness : une prise de conscience récente
The damage : les dégâts	The issues : les problèmes
Millions of trees : des millions d'arbres	Anything : rien
	For ever : pour toujours
	Tragic : tragique



Entirely : entièrement, complètement	All over : partout
Within fifty years : dans moins de 50 ans	Totally : totalement, complètement

### Dialogue:

Sarah: I've read an interesting article in a science magazine about endangered forests, it's quite worrying. What's your opinion about that?

W: Well I can only observe the damage, and it's like for animals and water, humans aren't respecting anything. Millions of trees are cut down every year to be pulped and turned into paper, two thirds of the world's forests have been lost for ever, and an area the size of England and Wales disappears each year. This is tragic.

Sarah: Isn't it? Forests are nibbled at all over the world...I read that if deforestation continues at the present rate, rainforest in Brazil could be wiped out entirely within fifty years.

W: I know, and the shrinking of the Amazon forest is a disaster for species diversity and global weather patterns.

Sarah: Indeed, they say that the Amazon is a vast lung that produces 20 percent of the Earth's oxygen and is home to thirty percent of all plants and animal species.

W: Totally. Because of the photosynthesis, forests can be seen as nature's machine for recycling carbon dioxide. The problem is that we are burning the machine...

Sarah: let's hope that the tree planting programmes and the sustainable forestry launched following a recent awareness of the issues will succeed.