

2.5 Deforestation

Tropical rainforests are cut down at the rate of one football field every second! **Deforestation** happens when we destroy forests by cutting down trees. Why does this happen? The main reasons are:

- ☺ to collect wood to make furniture
- ☺ to collect wood to burn as a fuel
- ☺ to clear land for farming
- ☺ to clear land for cities
- ☺ to clear land for mining.

Words to learn

deforestation

negative

environment

greenhouse gases

global warming

conserve



Deforestation has **negative** effects on the **environment**.

Trees take carbon dioxide from the air to make food. So forests remove carbon dioxide and help to reduce **global warming**. Also, trees give out oxygen which humans and animals need to survive.

