



# TEST YOUR ENGLISH

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Read the following text attentively.

## The Disappearing Rainforest

At the moment, the world is losing new species of wildlife almost every day. The two main causes of this decline are the destruction of their habitat and over-exploitation by human beings.

Every minute of the day, twenty hectares of tropical rainforest are cut down or burnt. Thousands of wild species – insects and plants as well as animals – are lost as a result.

If it goes on, rainforests could disappear in fifty years' time. They are vital to keeping the Earth's climate and environment stable. If they are destroyed, mankind will suffer as well as wildlife.

As cities grow and industry develops around them, pollution becomes another problem for wildlife.

Friends of the Earth believe that two-thirds of the world's population will be living in urban areas by the year 2025.

Something must be done!

In theory, most countries agree that there should be no trade in endangered species. More than 100 countries have signed the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). The Convention aims to forbid trade in endangered species and to limit trade in any species whose population is declining fast.

However, in reality trade in endangered species is still big business. People can buy the whole world from the fur of jaguars, ivory, crocodiles and other rare living animals.

