



Kyle is reading a webpage about deforestation.

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## Deforestation

### What is deforestation?

Deforestation means cutting down a large scale of trees. People always cut down and burn trees for extra land and wood. Every year, around 5  
130,000 square kilometres of forests are lost. It is equivalent to 45 times the area of Hong Kong!



### What are affected?

10 Forests take up 31% of land on our planet. They provide a natural and comfortable habitat for wildlife, including many endangered species. However, animals are forced to live elsewhere when people damage forests. Many of them are dead because of the sudden changes in the environment, fierce competitions among animals and starvation. Some even wander into urban areas and are **run over** by cars and  
15 lorries.

### What are the solutions?

Reforestation may fix the problem but it takes a long time. Some non-governmental organisations (NGO) like Global Forest Watch and World Wildlife  
20 Fund are putting their efforts to arouse people's awareness of protecting the environment. **They** work with governments, companies and other communities to protect the forests.



**A Choose the best answers by blackening the circles.**

1. Which of the following is NOT a reason for deforestation?

- A. To make paper  
 B. To make wooden tools  
 C. To ease global warming  
 D. To create land for housing

2. How much land of forests do we lose every year?

- A. Around 130,000 square kilometres  
 B. Around 45 times the forests in Hong Kong  
 C. Around an area as large as Hong Kong  
 D. Around 130,000 times the area of Hong Kong

3. Why may animals die when they are forced to leave forests?

- A. They cannot live alone.  
 B. They eat too much in urban areas.  
 C. They cannot adapt to climate change.  
 D. They cannot adapt to the new environment.

**Q4**

Take a look at the whole sentence and work out the meaning of it.

4. Read line 14. What does 'run over' mean?

- A. Caught  
 B. Fed with food  
 C. Delivered  
 D. Knocked down and killed

5. Read line 21. 'They' refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. people around the world  
 B. some non-governmental organisations  
 C. the staff members of World Wildlife Fund  
 D. a lot of companies and other communities

**Q7**

Read the whole sentence before you answer the question.

**B Fill in each blank with a word from the text.**

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Today, I learnt something new on the Internet. People **6.** \_\_\_\_\_

forests and cause deforestation. Many animals may die of **7.** \_\_\_\_\_

because they don't have enough food. I think humans should stop being selfish!