

WE HAVE LEARNED THAT PEOPLE IN MANY COUNTRIES NEED TREES FOR FIREWOOD. MANY TREES ARE ALSO CUT FOR NEW FARMLAND. IMAGINE HOW MANY TREES ARE CUT EACH YEAR.

How Should we use Wood?

COUNTRIES WHICH ARE VERY INDUSTRIALIZED, LIKE THE UNITED STATES, JAPAN AND FRANCE, NEED EVEN MORE TREES! THEY USE WOOD FROM MILLIONS OF TREES EACH YEAR FOR FURNITURE, PAPER AND BUILDING MATERIALS.

WHERE DOES THE WOOD COME FROM?

① SOME WOOD COMES FROM FOREST PLANTATIONS. FOREST PLANTATIONS ARE LARGE TREE FARMS. COMPANIES GROW MILLIONS OF TREES ON PLANTATIONS TO BE MADE INTO FURNITURE, PAPER AND BUILDING MATERIALS.

PLANTATIONS ARE NOT LIKE NATURAL FOREST. ON PLANTATIONS FEW TYPES OF TREES ARE GROWN. THE TREES ARE CUT BEFORE THEY BECOME VERY OLD. PLANTATIONS ARE NOT GOOD HOMES FOR MOST WILDLIFE.

② SOME WOOD COMES FROM NATURAL FORESTS LIKE THIS ONE. TREES IN NATURAL FORESTS ARE OFTEN HUNDREDS OF YEARS OLD. MANY PLANTS AND ANIMALS LIVE HERE.

③ SO MUCH WOOD IS USED BY SOME NATIONS THAT IT MUST BE CUT FROM FORESTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES. MANY PEOPLE PREFER TO BUY WOOD FROM TROPICAL FORESTS.

WE KNOW THAT OUR FORESTS ARE IMPORTANT. WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THEY WERE DESTROYED?

THE WEATHER MAY CHANGE! THERE MAY BE DROUGHT!



AND FLOODS!



MANY IMPORTANT PLANTS AND ANIMALS WOULD BE GONE FOREVER!

AND THIS WAS ONCE FORESTS. MANY ANIMALS AND PLANTS LIVED HERE.

④ PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD NEED WOOD! WE ARE PRESENTLY CUTTING MORE TREES THAN WE ARE PLANTING. WE ARE NOT GROWING ENOUGH TREES ON PLANTATIONS. OUR FORESTS ARE QUICKLY BEING DESTROYED! HERE ARE A FEW THINGS WE CAN DO TO HELP...

USE LESS WOOD AND WOOD PRODUCTS.



CAN YOU THINK OF 3 WAYS YOU CAN CONSERVE WOOD AND PAPER?

MANY PEOPLE RE-CYCLE THEIR PAPER. THIS MEANS IT IS RE-MADE AT A FACTORY SO IT CAN BE USED AGAIN.



WE USE OUR PAPER TWICE!

FIND OUT HOW FORESTS ARE MANAGED IN YOUR AREA. HOW ARE THEY USED? WHO USES THEM?



TELL OTHERS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF FORESTS AND TREES.



FIND OUT WHERE THE WOOD PRODUCTS THAT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY USE, COME FROM. CAN YOU GET WOOD FROM PLANTATIONS INSTEAD OF NATURAL FORESTS?

HELP KEEP SOME NATURAL FORESTS FOR WILDLIFE AND RECREATION.



TREES CAN BE PLANTED ALMOST ANYWHERE. THIS TREE WILL GIVE ME SHADE WHEN I AM OLDER. IT WILL MAKE MY HOME MORE BEAUTIFUL.



MUCH OF THE SOIL WOULD BE USELESS FOR FARMING.

FORESTS GREW WELL HERE BUT NOW THIS SOIL HAS TOO FEW NUTRIENTS FOR CROPS.

MANY PEOPLE WOULD HAVE NO SOURCE OF ENERGY.

THERE WOULD BE FEWER BUILDING MATERIALS.

IF ONLY I HAD MORE WOOD!



SCIENTISTS WOULD NOT HAVE THE PLANTS THEY NEED TO CREATE NEW MEDICINES. FIND OUT MORE ABOUT HOW YOU CAN SAVE FORESTS.