

1. Fill in the gaps with the verbs in brackets in the present simple or present continuous.

Rainforests ¹ _____ (disappear), and we all ² _____ (know) that humans are the main cause of this destruction. Every year we ³ _____ (cut down) an area of rainforest the size of New Jersey. Every hour we ⁴ _____ (destroy) 6000 acres of rainforest (that's 4000 football fields). What we ⁵ _____ (not realise) is that we ⁶ _____ (destroy) the planet where our children and grandchildren have to live. We ⁷ _____ (need) the rainforests; they ⁸ _____ (produce) oxygen and ⁹ _____ (eliminate) carbon dioxide (CO₂), cleaning the atmosphere.

But why ¹⁰ _____ (the forests/disappear) so quickly? Well, experts ¹¹ _____ (agree) that there are two main reasons. The most important is human activity. Big companies ¹² _____ (cut down) more and more trees every day and this ¹³ _____ (cause) damage to the land. The way of life in the rainforests ¹⁴ _____ (also/change) because of climate change. Now there is less rain and this ¹⁵ _____ (cause) more and more trees to die. As a consequence of the droughts, the risk of fires ¹⁶ _____ (increase) dramatically.

Fortunately, it ¹⁷ _____ (seem) that now some governments ¹⁸ _____ (begin) to understand the problem, and they ¹⁹ _____ (try) to control these activities. Some of them really ²⁰ _____ (want) to put an end to this problem, although a few big companies with a lot of power are in their way.

2. Choose the present simple or present continuous for each gap.

1. A: We _____ to the cinema tonight. B: _____ to the cinema?
 A. are going / Do you often go
 B. go / Do you often go
 C. are going / Are you often going

2. A: What time _____ this afternoon? B: I don't know. We _____ tomorrow.
 A. does the train leave / leave
 B. does the train leave / are leaving
 C. is the train leaving / leave

3. A: _____ ? B: Yes, but I _____ to quit.
 A. Are you smoking / try
 B. Do you smoke / try
 C. .Do you smoke / 'm trying

4. A: I _____ on holiday two or three times a year. B: That's great! And where _____ this year?
 A. go / do you go
 B. 'm going / do you go
 C. go / are you going

5. I think it's better to stay. It _____ and we _____ an umbrella.
 A. 's raining / don't have
 B. rains / don't have
 C. 's raining / aren't having

6. A: Children _____ more and more dependent to mobile phones. B: Yes, they _____ their imagination anymore.
 A. become / aren't using
 B. are becoming / don't use
 C. become / don't use

7. I _____ an article about the myth that says that we _____ 10% of our brains.
- A. 'm writing / are only using
 - B. write / are only using
 - C. 'm writing / only use
8. I _____ of quitting my job. _____ it is a good idea?
- A. 'm thinking / Do you think
 - B. think / Do you think
 - C. 'm thinking /Are you thinking
9. Who is that man? Why _____ at us? What _____?
- A. is he looking / is he wanting
 - B. is he looking / does he want
 - C. does he look / he wants
- 10.A: Tomorrow I _____ my doctor in the morning. B. Isn't your doctor that woman I _____ over there?
- A. see / 'm seeing
 - B. see / see
 - C. 'm seeing / see

Correct Answers

Exercise 1

1 are disappearing

2 know

3 cut down - 4 destroy

5 don't realise

6 are destroying

7 need

8 produce - 9 eliminate

10 are the forests disappearing

11 agree

12 are cutting down

13 is causing - 14 is also changing - 15 is causing - 16 is increasing

17 seems

18 are beginning - 19 are trying

20 want

Exercise 2

1. A

2. B

3. C

4. C

5. A

6. B

7. C

8. A

9. B