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Amazon "flips" to be source of CO2 emissions

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Scientists have revealed that parts of the Amazon emit more carbon dioxide than they absorb. The rainforest is producing over a billion tons of CO₂ a year. It used to be a carbon "sink" where CO₂ disappeared. It is becoming a source of carbon dioxide. Reasons for this flipping from sink to source are deforestation and forest fires. Researchers predict the rainforest will create CO₂ at an accelerating rate in the future. It was once called "the lungs of the world".

Researchers analysed 600 profiles of CO₂ emissions produced by fires in the Amazon between 2010 and 2018. The fires produced about 1.5 billion tons of CO₂ a year, while the forest removed 0.5 billion tons. The billion-ton difference is the same as the annual emissions of Japan - the world's fifth-largest polluter. A researcher said: "The south-east Amazon sink-to-source story is yet another stark warning that climate impacts are accelerating."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. emit more carbon dioxide | a. forest fires |
| 2. Reasons for this | b. forest fires |
| 3. deforestation and | c. of the world |
| 4. flipping from sink | d. than they absorb |
| 5. deforestation and | e. rate |
| 6. the rainforest will | f. to source |
| 7. at an accelerating | g. flipping |
| 8. the lungs | h. create CO2 |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Researchers analysed | a. removed 0.5 billion tons |
| 2. CO2 emissions | b. emissions of Japan |
| 3. The fires produced about | c. 600 profiles |
| 4. the forest | d. difference |
| 5. The billion-ton | e. largest polluter |
| 6. the same as the annual | f. produced by fires |
| 7. the world's fifth- | g. warning |
| 8. yet another stark | h. 1.5 billion tons |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Scientists have (1) _____ of the Amazon emit more carbon dioxide (2) _____. The rainforest is producing over a billion tons of CO2 a year. It used to be a carbon "sink" where CO2 disappeared. It is (3) _____ of carbon dioxide. Reasons for this flipping from sink to source are (4) _____ fires.

Researchers (5) _____ will create CO2 at an accelerating rate in the future. It was once called "the (6) _____ world".

Researchers analysed (7) _____ CO2 emissions produced by fires in the Amazon between 2010 and 2018. The fires produced about 1.5 billion tons of CO2 a year, (8) _____ removed 0.5 billion tons. The billion-ton (9) _____ same as the annual emissions of Japan - the (10) _____ polluter. A researcher said: "The (11) _____ sink-to-source story is yet another stark warning that (12) _____ accelerating."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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THE AMAZON RAINFOREST SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about the Amazon rainforest in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

