

What can save the rainforest? Your used cell phone

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<Key Vocabulary>

Write the meaning(s) of each word. Write an example sentence (example sentences) if you need.

(1) overwhelming

(13) tempting

(2) cacophony

(14) dedicated

(3) rhinoceros hornbill

(15) urgent

(4) cicada

(16) potentially

(5) gibbon

(17) enforce

(6) reserve

(18) canopy

(7) illegal

(19) obscure

(8) logging

(20) deterrent

(9) chainsaw

(21) periphery

(10) sanctuary

(11) stumble

(12) ranger

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<Questions> [Answers]

1. What was the most important noise that was coming out of the forest?

The sound of chainsaws.

2. Why were there three full-time guards at the sanctuary?

To guard against illegal logging.

3. What was the “real surprise” in the forest?

You could use the Internet. (They had very good cell phone service.)

4. Fill in the blanks.

Deforestation accounts for more greenhouse gas than all of the world's (planes), (trains), cars, trucks and (ships) combined. It's the second highest contributor to climate change. Also, according to Interpol, as much as (90) percent of the logging that takes place in the rainforest is (illegal logging), like the (illegal logging) that we saw. So if we can help people in the forest enforce the rules that are there, then in fact we could eat heavily into this (17) percent and potentially have a major impact in the short term. It might just be the cheapest, fastest way to fight climate change.

5. What did the speaker decide to use as the chainsaw alerting devices?

Cell phones

6. The speaker stopped the illegal loggers, and he said it was such a surprise. Why?

Because they had never, ever been interrupted before -- that it was such an impressive event for them that we've heard from our partners they have not been back since.

7. As the speaker spread this idea, some really amazing things started to happen. What were they?

People started sending them emails and calling them on the phone.

People started sending them their own old cell phones.