

CHANGES TO THE AMAZON

1. Read the text. Look for **cause** and **effect** relationships.

The Amazon Rainforest is one of the most important ecosystems in the world. It is home to thousands of species of plants and animals. This unique habitat is in danger. Climate change has caused changes in weather patterns which has harmed the delicate ecosystem. Deforestation (massive amounts of trees being cut down) has taken away the habitat of many unique animals that can only survive in the Amazon. Humans must reduce their impact on the environment or we will lose this valuable natural resource.



2. Check off the cause and effect in the passage.

Cause: Humans are cutting down trees and pollution is causing climate change.

Effect: The Amazon Rainforest is in trouble.

Cause: The rainforest is a unique ecosystem.

Effect: People are cutting down the trees.

Cause: The Amazon is home to many plants and animals.

Effect: Climate change is causing changes to weather patterns.