

## Unit 1 Week 4: Saving the Rain Forests

Genre: Expository Nonfiction

Comprehension Skill		
Fact and Opinion	<b>Fact:</b> a statement that can be proved true or false <b>Opinion:</b> a statement that tells a person's thoughts, feelings, or ideas-can't be proved true or false	
Comprehension Strategy		
Graphic Organizers	Graphic organizers can help you comprehend what you read.	
Vocabulary Words		
basin - all the land drained by a river and the streams that flow into it	evaporates - changes from a liquid to a gas	
charities- organizations for helping those in need or the environment	exported - sent goods out of one country for sale and use in another	
equator - an imaginary circle around the middle of the Earth	industrial - engaged in or connected with business, trade, or manufactured goods	
erosion - process of gradually wearing away by glaciers, running water, waves, or wind	recycled - processed or treated so it can be used again	
tropics - regions near the equator that are also the hottest parts of the Earth		
Amazing Words		
biodiversity - wide variety of different species living together in one place	air pressure - pressure caused by the weight of the air	
grass - plant with green blades that covers fields, lawns, and pastures	disaster - event that causes much suffering or loss	
tourism - the process of traveling for pleasure	prairie - large area of level or rolling land with grass but few or no trees	
carbon dioxide - colorless, odorless gas present in the atmosphere-formed when carbon is burned and absorbed by plants to make plant tissue		
Spelling Words→Skill: Difficult Spellings		
fierce	retrieve	perception
fuel	tremendous	persuade
pinnacle	perceive	preserve
weird	deceit	vegetable
briefcase	kaleidoscope	unyielding
preliminary	perfume	soldier
piece	preposterous	model
rectangle	multiple	bushel
preferable		
Grammar		
Compound and Complex Sentences	<b>Simple sentence:</b> has a complete subject and a complete predicate→ <b>The rain forest is disappearing.</b> <b>Compound sentence:</b> has two or more simple sentences joined by a comma and a conjunction→ <b>The rain forest is disappearing, and many of its plants and animals are disappearing too.</b> <b>Complex sentence:</b> has one independent clause and one or more dependent clauses→ <b>The rain forest is disappearing because people cut down too many trees.</b> <b>Compound-Complex sentence:</b> has more than one independent clause and at least one dependent clause→ <b>Because people cut down too many trees, the rain forest is disappearing, and many of its plants and animals are disappearing too.</b>	