



HUMAN IMPACTS ON ECOSYSTEMS | VOCABULARY

<i>deforestation</i>	the clearing of large areas of trees for the housing, commercial, and agricultural markets without replanting or allowing forests to regenerate itself
<i>endangered</i>	a plant or animal species existing in such small numbers that it is in danger of becoming extinct
<i>nature</i>	all the plants, animals, and beautiful places outside that we should take care of
<i>habitat</i>	a home for plants and animals to live and grow
<i>biome</i>	a large group of similar ecosystems
<i>wet season</i>	the time of year when certain areas (like the rainforest) get a lot of rain
<i>dry season</i>	the time of year when certain areas (like the rainforest) get no rain
<i>camouflage</i>	when organisms change their appearance to blend in with their surroundings
<i>fossil fuels</i>	forms of energy such as coal, oil, and natural gas

