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Today's Topic: Deforestation

Forests are host to a wide variety of flora and fauna that form part of a nation's biodiversity. Humans benefit greatly from forests, however, they are being cut down indiscriminately all over the world. As a result, the survival of a great variety of wildlife species is threatened. **Deforestation** is the major cause for the disappearance of many plants and animals and also poses a threat to human survival.

There are many reasons for deforestation. A forest may be destroyed due to natural causes such as forest fires and prolonged droughts. In addition, sometimes forests are cleared to meet human requirements such as land for cultivation of crops, land for building houses and factories and also for timber to make furniture, buildings and paper products. In developing nations, trees are cut to supply wood for fuel.

Flora: The plant of a particular region or habitat.

Fauna: The animals of a particular region or habitat.

Deforestation: Clearing of an area of forest trees.

