

Deforestation – Glossary

absorb verb [transitive]

to take in a gas, liquid, or other substance

The timber expands as it absorbs moisture from the atmosphere.

atmosphere noun [countable]

the air around the Earth or around another planet
Saturn's moon, Titan, has an atmosphere mainly made of nitrogen.

attention noun [uncountable]

interest, especially interest that the public has in a person, event, situation, etc.

He avoided publicity and disliked the attention his acting brought him.

case noun [countable]

an example or instance of something

In the majority of cases, keeping a project within budget depends on efficient cost control.

cause verb [transitive]

to make something happen, usually something bad

The fire was caused by an electrical fault.

clear verb [transitive]

to remove people or things from a place where they are not wanted

Millions of acres of tropical forest have been cleared.

contribution noun [countable]

something that you do that helps to achieve something or to make it successful

her major contribution to the peace process

discuss verb [transitive]

to talk about something with someone

We're meeting to discuss the matter next week.

doubt verb [transitive]

to think that something is probably not true or that it probably does not exist

No one doubts the need for improvement.

due to preposition

because of something

He almost died due to lack of oxygen.

environmentalist noun [countable]

someone who wants to protect the environment

erosion noun [uncountable]

the process by which the surface of land or rock is gradually damaged by water, wind, etc. and begins to disappear

soil/coastal/glacial erosion

estimate verb [transitive]

to say what you think an amount or value will be, either by guessing or by using available information to calculate it

It's difficult to estimate the cost of making your house safe.

fuel noun [countable/uncountable]

a substance such as oil, gas, coal, or wood that produces heat or power when it is burned

Drivers are being encouraged to save fuel.

link noun [countable]

a connection between two or more people, places, facts, or events, especially when one is affected or caused by the other

They are studying the links between carbon emissions and climate change.

media, the noun [plural]

radio, television, newspapers, the Internet, and magazines, considered as a group

Both political parties have accused the media of bias.

point out phrasal verb [transitive]

to tell someone something

Thank you for pointing that out.

profit noun [countable/uncountable]

money that you make by selling something or from your business, especially the money that remains after you have paid all your business costs

Profits rose 31% to \$144 million.

raise verb [transitive]

to keep a particular type of animal or grow a particular crop

She's been raising sheep for over 40 years.

soybean noun [countable]

the seed of an Asian plant, used for making food and oil

species noun [countable]

a plant or animal group whose members all have similar general features and are able to produce young plants or animals together

a rare tropical species

summit noun [countable]

a meeting or series of meetings between leaders of two or more countries

a summit of EU leaders

