

ENGLISH READER (CLASS-3)

CHAPTER-1 – LET'S FLY KITES

Reading

A. Answer the following questions.

- Ans. 1. Hasan's father bought kite paper, bamboo sticks, splinter, gum and thread to make a kite.
2. Hasan's kite looked very beautiful.
3. No, the kite can't fly on its own.
4. The kite went higher and higher in the sky.
5. Hasan flied the kite with the help of his father.

Word Power

A. Write the name of the correct part. Use words from the box :

legs, teeth, tail, arms, eye, hands

B. Match the opposites :

friend – enemy
bottom – top
many – few
up – down
higher – lower
bright – dull
slow – fast

Grammar In Use

Pick out pronouns in these sentences :

- | | | |
|-----------------|-------------|------------------|
| 1. her, She | 2. That, It | 3. I |
| 4. you, your, I | 5. we | 6. I, He, it, me |

Speaking

Would you like to have a patty ?	Would you like to have an apple	Would you like to have an ice-cream ?
Would you like to have a cold drink ?	Would you like to have a cup of tea ?	

Writing

Here are two paragraphs mixed up. Rewrite the material under two headings- (i) In the school
(ii) In the neighbourhood.

In the school

1. We draw pictures.
2. We read books.
3. We pray together.
4. We do sums.
5. We write in our exercise books.

In the neighbourhood

1. Sometimes we play football in the park.
2. We climb trees.
3. We play together in the garden.
4. Sometimes we play cricket in the streets.
5. We play hide and seek.

Listening : Do it yourself.

Fun Time

Find out the names of 10 colours in this grid.

B	L	U	E	A	B	C	D	E	P	G
L	F	G	S	T	U	V	R	V	U	R
A	H	I	W	H	I	T	E	I	R	E
C	J	K	N	O	P	Q	D	O	P	E
K	L	M	P	I	N	K	V	L	L	N
B	R	O	W	N	R	B	W	E	E	F
O	R	A	N	G	E	X	Y	T	Z	B

CHAPTER-2 – MAGIC OF MAGICIAN

Reading

A. Answer the following questions.

- Ans. 1. Gona and his brother Sahil are returning home from the magic show with their parents.
2. Gona thought about the magician that he was a person who can do impossible things. She thought him a superman.
3. A fairy carries a magic wand.
4. Father said about the magician that the magician is not a superman. He just plays clever tricks. He usually uses things like a hat, ribbons, milk, table which are made in a special way. These things help him to play his tricks.
5. The magician play his tricks so quietly and skillfully that they appear to be real.
6. We should make efforts and do lots of hard work to fulfil our wishes.

B. Who said the following words ?

Gona	Sahil
Sahil	Mother

Word Power

A. Make sentences using the given words :

1. The magician was very clever.
2. We enjoyed the magic show yesterday.
3. The fairy had a magic wand in her hand.
4. He gave me a quick glance.
5. The magician showed many funny tricks.
6. The fairy had a wand in her hand.

B. Match the opposites :

1. Quick – Slow
2. Possible – Impossible
3. Liked – Disliked
4. After – Before
5. Real – Imaginary

C. Fill in the blanks by choosing a suitable words from the box.

1. barber 2. gardener 3. painter 4. teacher 5. tailor

Grammar In Use

A. Complete the following sentences by using the words what, when, why, where, how or who.

1. When 2. Who 3. Where 4. How
5. What 6. Who 7. Why

B. Besides the words given above, which and whose are also used to ask questions. Now fill in the blanks by using which or whose :

1. Which 2. Whose 3. Which 4. Whose 5. Which

Speaking : Do it yourself.

Writing : Do it yourself.

Listening

Listen about the skills and cleverness related to magic tricks and on the basis of those facts, say whether the following are true or false :

1. False 2. False 3. False 4. True

Fun Time : Do it yourself.

CHAPTER-3 – THE SOUR GRAPES

Reading

A. Answer the following questions.

Ans. 1. The fox wished the grapes were not hanging up so high.

2. The fox jumped again and again to get the grapes but he could not reach them. They were too high. That is why, the fox found out that he could not get what he wanted.

3. The fox said that I don't want them because to get the grapes was out of his power. 'Them' are bunches to grapes.

4. Now, the grapes were not really sour.

B. Write the words that rhyme in this poem.

Do it yourself.

Fun Time : Do it yourself.

CHAPTER-4 – THE HOLY GANGA

Reading

A. Answer the following questions.

Ans. 1. Ganga was the daughter of king Himalaya and Menaka, a heavenly nymph.

2. The Yamuna, Gomti, Ghaghra, Gandak and Kosi are the rivers which join the Ganga from the north and Chambal, Betwa, Sind, Ken, etc. are the rivers which join it from the south.

3. The Ganga flows through Uttrakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal.

4. The Ganga is getting polluted by the waste materials which are thrown in it by various industrial units located in the cities on its banks. Our government has started a big programme called 'the Ganga Action Plan' to control the pollution of the Ganga.
5. Hindus worship the river Ganga.

Word Power

A. Match the opposites :

1. dirty – clean
2. destroy – construct
3. slow – fast
4. receive – send
5. back – front

B. Write the similar sounding words for the words in bubbles :

- | | | | |
|------|------|------|-------|
| meet | year | know | |
| neat | wear | no | |
| pray | sea | one | would |
| prey | she | won | wood |

C. Match the pictures to the correct words.

Do it yourself.

Grammar In Use

A. Fill in the blanks with the comparative or superlative degrees of adjectives given in the brackets, whichever is correct :

1. more useful 2. hottest 3. best 4. laziest 5. thicker
6. more beautiful 7. highest 8. older 9. mightier 10. quietest

B. Find out countable and uncountable nouns from the lesson and put them in these boxes :

- | | |
|--------|-----------|
| river | hair |
| cave | water |
| king | purity |
| branch | waste |
| city | pollution |

Speaking : Do it yourself.

Writing : Do it yourself.

CHAPTER-5 – THE GOLDEN PEAR

Reading

A. Answer the following questions.

- Ans. 1. The fruit-seller took the poor man to the emperor because the poor man stole a pear and the fruit-seller wanted that the emperor gave him a punishment for it.
2. The man asked the emperor that if you pardon me, I will give you a precious gift.
3. A person who has never stolen, cheated or spoken a lie could plant the seed according to the thief.

4. The emperor said that I am the emperor. I do not plant crops. When the seed was given to the Prime Minister his face became pale and he said that I am very bad at growing things. The plants in my garden always die. Give the seed to the treasurer.

B. Who said the following :

Poor man	Emperor
Prime Minister	Emperor

Word Power

A. Match the right words to the descriptions. All these words are from the lesson.

- | | | | |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1. (h) | 2. (f) | 3. (b) | 4. (a) |
| 5. (g) | 6. (d) | 7. (e) | 8. (c) |

B. Now match the professions with the professionals :

- | | | |
|---------------|----------------|-------------|
| 1. Chemist | 2. Draper | 3. Florist |
| 4. Ironmonger | 5. Tobacconist | 6. Milliner |

Grammar In Use

A. Replace the underlined words with the correct possessive pronoun.

1. His face grew red.
2. Her doll is very beautiful.
3. His hunger made him steal a pear.
4. Its fruits is very sweet.
5. His father is very kind.

B. Complete the sentences given below using -ing and the verb under each picture :

- | | | | |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| 1. watching | 2. watering | 3. swimming | 4. eating |
| 5. drinking | 6. sailing | 7. playing | |

C. Do it yourself.

D. Tick (✓) the sentences which are imperative :

- | | | | | | |
|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 3. ✓ | 4. ✓ | 6. ✓ | 7. ✓ | 9. ✓ | 10. ✓ |
|------|------|------|------|------|-------|

E. Look at the pictures and re-jumble the words to make imperative sentences.

Please, close the door of my cabin.

Don't run in the class.

Obey your elders.

Please, give me a glass of water.

Speaking : Do it yourself.

Writing

Write a short paragraph describing the picture below :

My mother gave me some seeds and said, "Rahul, sow these in the soil." I asked my mother, "How can I sow these seeds, mom ? Please, tell me the way of sowing the seeds in the soil." Mother told me that my son, dig the ground and sow these seeds in the soil. Pour a little water on the soil to make it wet. After a few days these seeds will grow into plants.

Fun Time

Complete the number puzzle.

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{2} + \boxed{10} \div \boxed{3} \\ \parallel \\ \boxed{4} \\ - \\ \boxed{2} \\ \parallel \\ \boxed{2} \times \boxed{20} = \boxed{40} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} \boxed{80} \div \boxed{10} = 8 \\ \parallel \\ \boxed{40} \\ + \\ \boxed{40} \end{array}$$

CHAPTER-6 – THE PANDAS

Reading

A. Answer the following questions :

Ans. 1. Giant pandas and black and white Chinese bears.

2. They look like a giant cat bear.

3. A giant panda is as big as a very big man.

4. The pandas eat only bamboos.

5. Pandas bark to scare an enemy and they squeal when they are in pain.

6. Snow leopard, eagle and man are their enemies ?

B. Match the columns to make complete sentences :

1. The giant panda is the symbol of peace in China.

2. Female pandas are called sows.

3. The black and white fur helps to hide the pandas from their enemies.

4. The pandas have cat-like eyes.

5. The pandas make a sound like goats bleating.

6. Men hunt pandas.

Word Power

A. Use these words to label the parts of the panda.

Do it yourself.

B. Use these words in sentences of your own to bring out the difference :

1. Everyone of us wants to live in peace.

She ate a piece of pizza.

2. A male panda is big in size.

I send an e-mail to Radha.

3. The main occupation of people in Indian villages is farming.

The lion has a mane.

C. Match the synonyms :

- few – little
baby – kid
warm – hot
good – nice
catch – hold

D. Baby pandas are called cubs.

Now match the animals adults with their young ones :

Animals Adults	Young ones
1. vat	kitten
2. ram	lamb
3. goat	kid
4. cow	calf
5. stag	fawn

Grammar In Use

A. Fill in the blanks with can, cannot, should, should not.

1. cannot, can 2. should not, can, should
3. should, should not 4. cannot, can 5. can, cannot

B. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the words in brackets :

1. decorating 2. raining 3. going 4. learning
5. studying 6. watching 7. writing

Speaking : Do it yourself.

Writing : Do it yourself.

Listening : Do it yourself.

Fun Time

Solve these three animals riddles.

1. Goat 2. Turtle 3. Penguin

CHAPTER-7 – HOW BEAUTIFUL IS THE RAIN

Reading

A. Answer the following questions :

- Ans. 1. The poet finds the rain beautiful because it ends the period of dust and heat. It makes the weather pleasant.
2. The rain make a sound of clatter along the roofs.
3. Across the window pane the rain pours and pours.

4. The gutters do not actually roar. The poet means that when the gutters are full of rain water and their water flows fastly, it produces a loud noise like roar.

5. We welcome the rain with great pleasure.

B. Do it yourself.

Fun Time : Do it yourself.

CHAPTER-8 – LITTLE DOLLY

Reading

A. Answer the following questions :

Ans. 1. John saw a little girl crying aloud one day.

2. The girl told him that her daddy has lost.

3. The officer was annoyed because the girl did not give the sufficient answers what he asked her.

4. Yes, Dolly know what her address was.

B. Fill in the blanks with the words from the box :

1. father's 2. age 3. heartily 4. suspiciously, curiously 5. aloud

Word Power

A. Add 'ing' to the following and rewrite the words :

crying drawing

sobbing walking

celebrating speaking

rubbing listening

telling reading

B. Break into two words :

near + by

news + paper

for + get

police + man

C. Do it yourself.

D. Write the opposites :

little – big aloud – soft

pretty – ugly quick – slow

politely – rudely exact – inexact

buying – selling agreed – disagreed

Grammar In Use

A. Match the nouns with the adjectives and write them together.

little distance

chocolate cake

quick	response
green	parrot
cold	drink
fat	girls

B. Now use the adjectives from the box to complete each sentence.

1. long 2. boiling 3. sharp 4. fresh 5. beautiful

Speaking : Do it yourself.

Writing

Imagine if you are lost in a crowd. You get separated from your parents :

I would do the following things :

1. I would meet a police man.
2. I would tell him the whole story.
3. I would request him to inform my parents about me through a telephone call.
4. I request him to take me to my home.

Listening : Do it yourself.

CHAPTER-9 – THE ANGLE OF BLINDS

Reading

A. Answer the following questions :

Ans. 1. Louis Braille was born in 1809 in a small town near Paris.

2. Louis Braille became blind because of an accident. When he was three years old he had an accident in his father's workshop. He picked up a sharp tool and tried to use it. The tool slipped and hurt his eye. The wound got infected and Louis lost both his eyes.
3. Louis was three years old when he became blind.
4. Charles Barbier invented night writing for the soldiers to share top-secret information on the battle field without even having to speak.
5. Louis got excited about Barbier's code because it was a way to read without using letters. He could use it to develop a script for blinds.
6. The difference between Barbier's code and Louis code is that Barbier used 12 dots in his code while Louis used only 6 dots in place of 12 dots.

B. State whether the following statements are true or false.

1. true 2. false 3. true 4. false 5. true

Word Power

Fill in the blanks with the right form of the words given on the previous page.

2. fit 3. suit 4. match 5. suit 6. match 7. match

Grammar In Use

Fill in the blanks with it or they. After you finish say which word it or they is about.

2. it 3. it 4. they 5. they 6. it 7. it 8. it

Speaking : Do it yourself.

Writing : Do it yourself.

Listening : Do it yourself.

CHAPTER-10 – CHINMAY IS UNWELL

Reading

A. Answer the following questions :

Ans. 1. Chinmay doesn't want to go to the doctor because he give him an injection and many bitter medicines to eat. He is afraid off all this.

2. The doctor says to Chinmay that you are a brave boy, aren't you ? And brave boys don't feel any pain.

3. The nurse gave Chinmay the injection.

4. Chinmay and his mother went to the chemist to buy medicines.

5. Chinmay is an intelligent boy.

Word Power

A. What are these people ? Fill in the blanks below each picture with the correct answer in the box.

librarian

pilot

doctor

teacher

fireman

farmer

B. Write similar words for these :

pain

fool

sick

test

drugist

fast

fear

close

C. Put a tick (✓) to the bigger of two in each pair. Use a dictionary if you need help.

2. jug

3. hospital

4. school

5. mountain

6. sea

7. farm

8. town

D. Do it yourself.

Grammar In Use

A. Join the following sentences with 'as....as' :

1. Chinmay is as short as his sister.

2. Milk as white as the curd.

B. Read the following sentences :

Now match the following sentences with the correct pictures.

1. Rakesh is as faithful as a dog.

2. Praul is as graceful as a swan.

3. Rohit is as greedy as a fox.

4. Priya is as busy as a bee.

Speaking : Do it yourself.

Writing : Do it yourself.

Listening : Do it yourself.

Fun Time : Do it yourself.

CHAPTER-11 – DREAMING AS A KING

Reading

A. Answer the following questions :

Ans. 1. The child would wear the crown above his eyes.

2. The child would wear a hankie in his cuff.

3. The child would make a royal of the blackbird in a dainty dish.

4. The child would make his mom the queen for a day.

B. Do it yourself.

Fun Time : Do it yourself.

CHAPTER-12 – RIA BAKES A CAKE

Reading

A. Answer the following questions :

Ans. 1. Simmi wanted to bake a cake.

2. Jimmy was busy in doing her homework.

3. When Ria asked Jack to help her he was watching cartoons on T.V.

4. Ria makes a dough of flour, sugar, butter and milk. She puts it in a flat bowl into the oven. After half an hour a pleasing smell spreads the house. Now, the cake was ready.

5. Jack asked for a piece first of all.

6. No, Ria didn't eat the whole cake.

B. Write the names of the people doing this :

1. Simmy 2. Jimmy 3. Jack 4. Ria

Word Power

A. Fill in the blanks :

a cube of sugar

a slice of bread

a piece of meat

a hunk of cheese

a loaf of bread

a pinch of salt

a bar of chocolate

a chunk of cake

a segment of orange

B. We do many activities in the kitchen :

No fill in the blanks :

1. grates

2. kneads

3. rolls

4. fries

5. bakes

6. cuts

Grammar In Use

A. Circle the words which name a person, animals, place or thing. These are called nouns :

1. Sonika, Himani, friends

2. Jimmy, Video game

3. Jack, T.V.
4. Ria, cake
5. lion, jungle
6. Gold, metal
7. Kolkata, city

B. Here is a list of naming words. Write the words in the correct lines :

one-pencil, cake, leg, mango, playground
many-sisters, brothers, children, cartoons, games

C. Write the name for 'many' :

two babies
three ladies
two knives
two calves
three wolves
four thieves

Speaking : Do it yourself.

Writing

A. Write about Somya. Use the words in the box :

1. short, fat
2. short, black
3. years
4. dance
5. good

Listening : Do it yourself.

Fun Time

Solve these riddles :

1. Tree
2. Tortoise

CHAPTER-13 – TALE OF PAPER

Reading

A. Answer the following questions :

Ans. 1. Wasps manufacture paper to make the walls of their nests. They make the paper from the fine pulp which they get from the tiny shaving of tree trunks.

2. The Egyptians invented the paper. They made paper from the spongy tissue of papyrus plant.

3. The ancient books were different because they were prepared in form of rolls of paper.

4. These days linen, esparto grass, wood pulp, straw, jute and bamboo are used to make fine quality paper.

5. We should never forget that we have to be thankful to wasps because they gave us an idea for making paper.

B. Fill in the blanks :

1. spongy, papyrus
2. linen
3. hand.
4. difficult
5. kinds
6. Egyptians

C. Do it yourself.

Word Power

A. Add 'ion' to the following and rewrite in the blanks :

- | | | | |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| 2. direction | 3. suggestion | 4. affection | 5. detection |
| 6. promotion | 7. digestion | 8. prevention | |

B. Add 're' to the following and write the new word thus formed :

- | | | | | |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 2. recall | 3. rejoin | 4. regain | 5. refold | 6. reopen |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|

C. Match the opposites :

- | | | |
|-----------|---|------------|
| real | — | artificial |
| tiny | — | large |
| unlike | — | like |
| true | — | false |
| success | — | failure |
| dry | — | wet |
| difficult | — | easy |

Grammar In Use

A. Do it yourself.

B. When/Because

Fill in the blanks with when/because :

- | | | | | |
|---------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1. when | 2. because | 3. when | 4. because | 5. because |
| 6. when | 7. because | 8. because | | |

Speaking : Do it yourself.

Writing

Imagine you are a piece of paper. Write your biography in about eight lines. You may use the hints given below.

I am a piece of paper. I live in a book named Godan. Books belongs to me are very attractive. People want to read the books made with me. There are several big factories which make me with different things. People use me for several purposes. Some people write interesting, stories, while some write funny poems on me. I am very happy to know that everyone likes and uses me today. I want to say all of you that please use me carefully and never waste me.

Listening : Do it yourself.

CHAPTER-14 – PANDIT JAWAHARLAL NEHRU

Reading

A. Answer the following questions :

Ans. 1. The house where Jawaharlal Nehru was born was called Anand Bhawan. It was a big house. It had a tennis court, a swimming pool and extremely large garden.

2. His one real companion was a clerk in his father's office named Munshi Mubark Ali.
3. His birthday was celebrated with great pomp. In the morning he was weighed against wheat and coins which were then given to the poor. He wore new clothes and received the presents given by his parents, relative and friends.
4. Jawaharlal received a good thrashing from his father because he took a pen from his father's desk without his permission. This made him angry to Jawaharlal and he gave him a good thrashing.
5. Once when he was in the jungle and he shot a deer, he saw its eyes full of pain. This incident made him to give up hunting for ever.

B. Fill in the blanks :

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|-------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| 1. first | 2. Anand Bhavan | 3. governesses, tutors |
| 4. weddings | 5. adventurous | |

C. Write 'true' or 'false' :

- | | | | |
|---------|----------|---------|----------|
| 1. true | 2. false | 3. true | 4. false |
|---------|----------|---------|----------|

Word Power

A. Join and make new words :

- | | | | |
|-------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| 1. Birthday | 2. Childhood | 3. Forever | 4. Newspaper |
| 5. Himself | | | |

B. Write the synonyms :

- | | |
|-----------|-----------|
| wealthy | big |
| love | beautiful |
| dispute | actual |
| fellow | story |
| delighted | ache |

C. Now add- less to these words and complete these sentences sensibly :

- | | | | |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1. powerless | 2. careless | 3. toothless | 4. homeless |
| 5. heartless | 6. speechless | 7. colourless | |

Grammar In Use

A. Write the plurals of the each the following nouns :

- | | | | |
|------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| 1. Flowers | 2. Armies | 3. Classes | 4. Valleys |
| 5. Watches | 6. Geese | 7. leaves | 8. Lice |

B. In there sentences change the nouns in italics into their plural form. Make any other changes it necessary :

1. The benches are made of wood.
2. The policeman ran after the thieves.
3. There are beautiful cities in the valleys.

4. His replies to my questions were not correct.
 5. Daughters-in-law should respect the mothers-in-law.
- C. In these sentences, change the nouns in italics into their singular form. Make any other changes necessary.
1. A fly can spread diseases.
 2. The knife on the shelf is sharp.
 3. The hero is honoured by his country.
 4. A passer-by was attracted by the cries of the child.
 5. The horse was grazing in the field.
 6. The thief hid himself under a bench.

Speaking : Do it yourself.

Writing : Do it yourself.

Listening : Do it yourself.

Fun Time : Do it yourself.

CHAPTER-15 – MY POCKETS

Reading

A. Answer the following questions :

- Ans. 1. The child likes all the things because his pockets can hold them properly.
2. The child compares his pockets with man.
 3. The child's mother finds rocks, frogs and beetles inside his pockets.
 4. The mother feels a strange fear about the things she finds in the child's pockets.

B. State whether the following statements are true or false.

1. false
2. true
3. false
4. true

Fun Time : Do it yourself.

CHAPTER-16 – ANIMAL COURT

Reading

A. Answer the following questions :

- Ans. 1. The monkey is the judge in the animal court.
2. A man, woodcutter is the main accused.
 3. The tree complains that the man cuts the trees thoughtlessly.
 4. The fish complains that man has built huge ships. He has equipped these ships with all the modern equipment. He catches us just to earn money. Many of us are facing the threat of extinction.
 5. The woodcutter promises not to cut the trees in the last. He also promises not to kill the innocent animals.
 6. The judge monkey gives a punishment to the woodcutter to plant new trees and to look after them.

B. Fill in the blanks with the words given the box :

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|-----------|------------|-----------|
| 1. juggle | 2. witness | 3. severe |
| 4. threat | 5. sorry | 6. trees |

Word Power

A. Pick out describing words from the following sentences :

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|---------|---------|--------|----------|---------|
| 1. huge | 2. weak | 3. old | 4. cruel | 5. more |
|---------|---------|--------|----------|---------|

B. Match the words that are opposite in meaning :

- | | | |
|---------|---|---------|
| deep | — | shallow |
| weak | — | strong |
| cruel | — | kind |
| heavy | — | light |
| old | — | young |
| ancient | — | modern |
| less | — | more |
| tiny | — | huge |

C. Write the plurals of the following :

- | | | | |
|-----------|--------------|-----------|-------------|
| 1. deer | 2. foxes | 3. eagles | 4. children |
| 5. wolves | 6. equipment | | |

D. What do you call the female of the following animals :

- | | | |
|-----|-----|-------|
| sow | eve | filly |
|-----|-----|-------|

Grammar In Use

A. Use 'or' and join the following sentences :

1. Are these animals fighting or playing ?
2. Is that camel young or old ?
3. Are these animals swimming or drowning ?
4. Is that lion eating grass or flesh ?

B. Change these sentences to questions. Being each questions with 'when' :

1. When did the lion kill the deer on Monday ?
2. When did the animals take dinner at night ?
3. When did the woodcutter cut the banyan tree this evening ?
4. When did the woodcutter lose all his money in the morning ?

Speaking : Do it yourself.

Writing

The cutting of trees affect animals because they get their food and shelter from trees. If the tree will cut down on a large scale the animals will have to face the lack of food and shelter.