

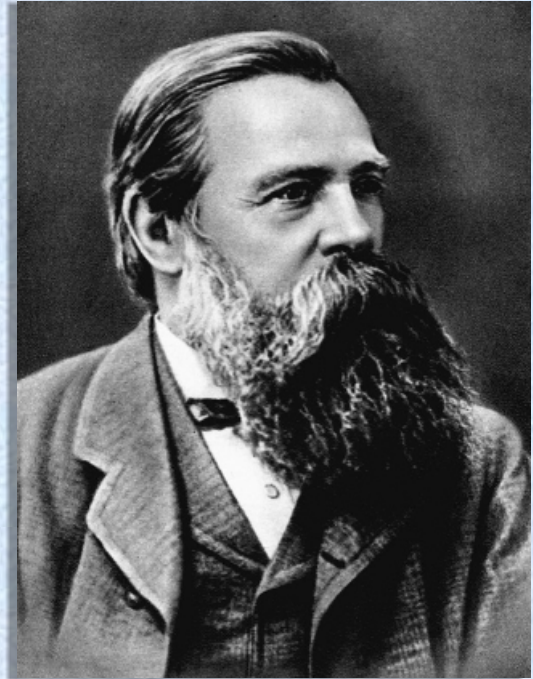
Unit 1 Nature in the balance

**Welcome to the unit
& Reading (I)**

*Let us not, however, flatter ourselves
overmuch **on account of** our human
victories over nature. For each such
victory nature **takes its revenge on** us.*

—Fredrich Engels

但是我们不要过分陶醉于我们人类对自然界的胜利 对于每一次这样的胜利，自然界都对我们进行报复。



Welcome to the unit



Listen to the song!

The human race has done much harm.
We have polluted our soils and seas,
And cut down too many trees.
Now is the time to sound the alarm.

We want to live in a world that's clean;
We want to live in a world of green.
The human race has done much harm;
Now is the time to sound the alarm.

Let's be thankful for the skies above;
Let's plant new trees and stop pollution;
Let's work together to find the solution;
The Earth's our home to protect and love.

We want to live in a world that's clean;
We want to live in a world of green.
Let's be thankful for the skies above;
The Earth's our home to protect and love.



人类已经造成了很多危害，我们污染了我们的土壤和海洋，砍伐太多的树木，现在是敲响警钟的时候了。
我们想生活在一个干净的世界，我们想生活在一个绿色的世界，人类已经造成了很多危害，现在是敲响警钟的时候了。
让我们感谢上天，让我们种植新的树木，停止污染，让我们一起努力找到解决办法；地球是我们要保护和爱护的家园。
我们想生活在一个干净的世界，我们想生活在一个绿色的世界。让我们感谢上天，地球是我们要保护和爱护的家园。



Welcome to the unit

1. What are the rhyming words in this song?

harm/alarm; seas/trees; clean/green; above/love; pollution/solution.

2. How do you understand “harm” and “alarm” ?

“Harm” means something bad we have done to the earth, including polluting soils and seas, cutting down too many trees, etc.

“Alarm” means the signal that warns us of the dangers of environmental damage, which urges us to find a solution.

- **What is the message of the song?**

Humans have done much harm to the Earth, and we have to take action to change this situation.



- **What can you do to help protect the environment?**

We can use less paper and fewer plastic bottles and bags. Cutting down on electricity usage can also help reduce the air pollution that power stations create.



Step 2 Prediction

The Amazon rainforest: a natural treasure



- What will be talked about in the text according to the title and the picture?

Listening



Complete part A1 on page 4 with the main idea of each paragraph.

Para. 1: Introduction to the Amazon rainforest

Para. 2: Basic information about the rainforest

Para. 3: **Plant biodiversity; levels of the rainforest**

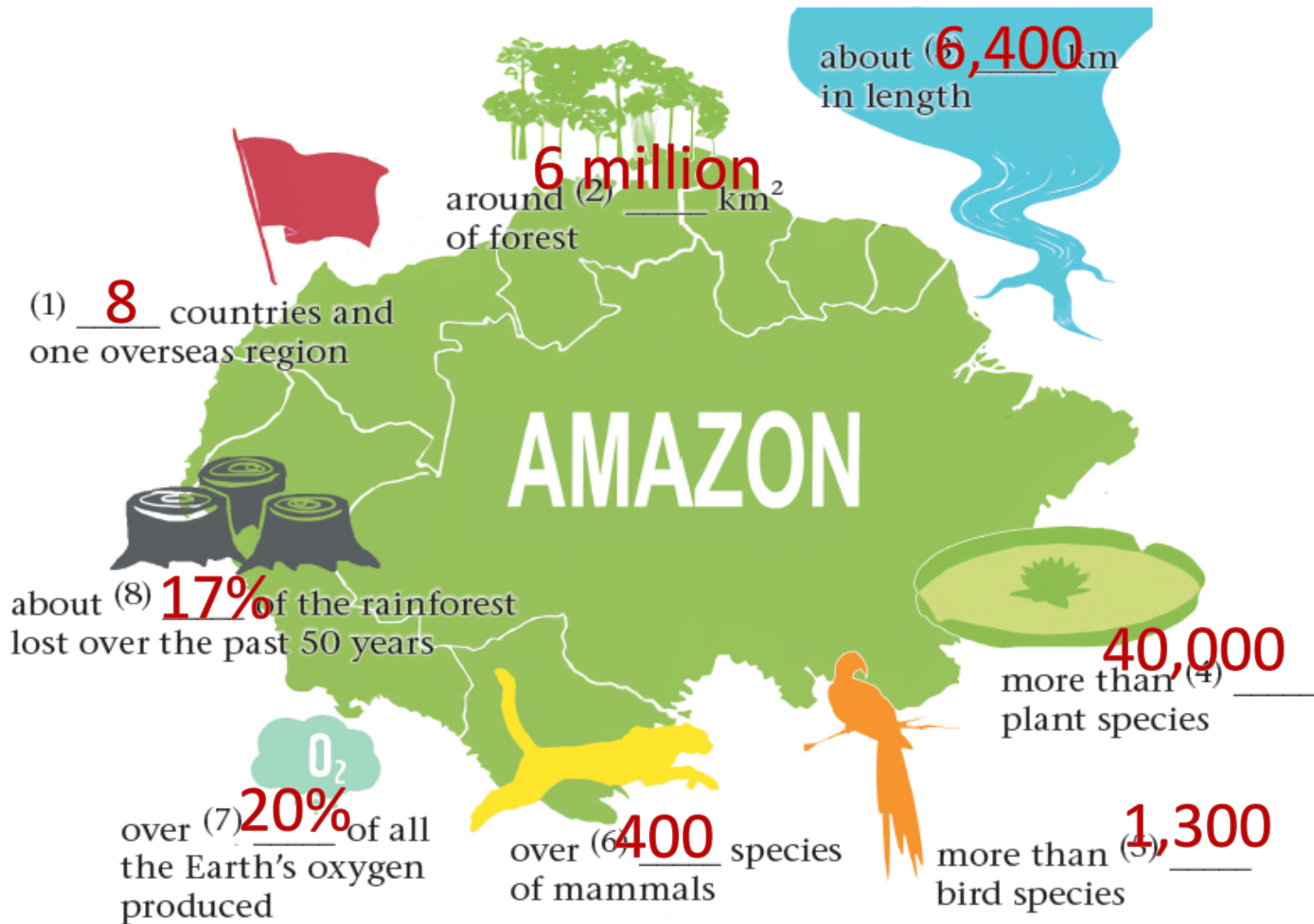
Para. 4: **Animal biodiversity; food chain**

Para. 5: **The rainforest's value to the human race; threats to the rainforest**

Fast reading

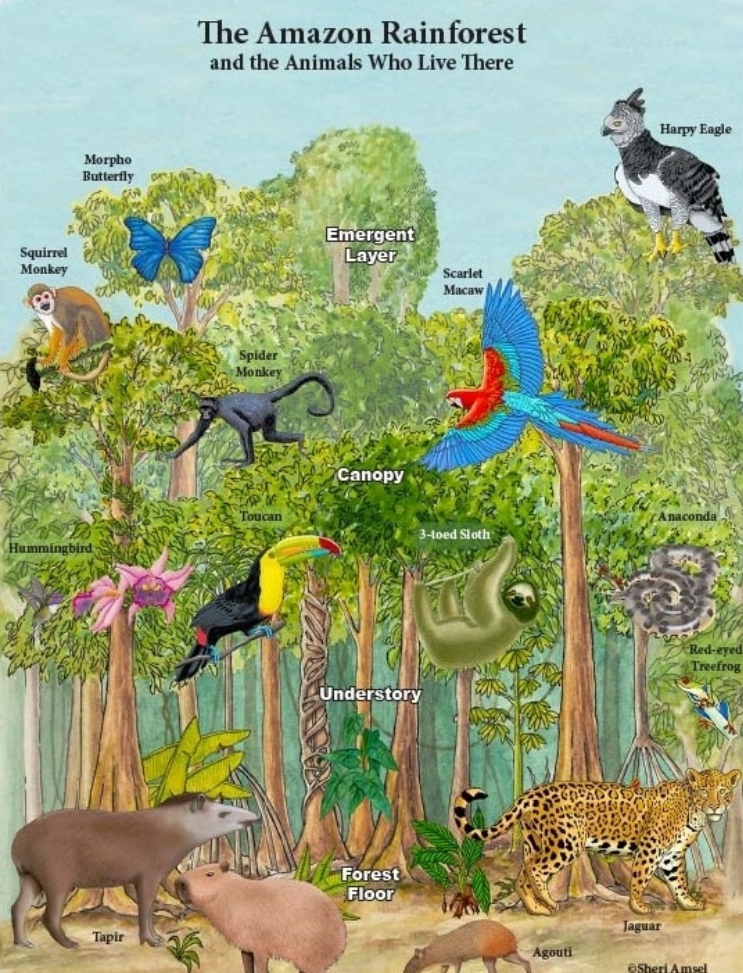
Read the documentary script again carefully and fill in the blanks with the figures.

Fast reading



Detailed reading

Read para. 3 and figure out different layers of the forest.



the tops of the tallest trees

towering ancient hardwoods

shorter plants with large leaves

the mass of leaf litter

a system of roots

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