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Dear Students,

Your result on the Rainforest Competition has pleased enormously the UNO Committee for the Protection of the Amazonia.   We are pleased to communicate to you that your team has won a two-lesson exploration trip to the most wonderful region in the world.

In return, you must do some work to help the UN save rainforests.   First, it is necessary that on your journey you keep your eyes open and get ready to **answer the questions** that a representative of the committee will ask you. (See attached card).

If you succeed in this task, you will be given the opportunity to participate in a UNO's project to save the Amazonia.

To start your journey visit: **http://dewey.uab.es/article/** **>>> students**

I hope that you accept this challenge and I wish you a happy and profitable journey.

Ms Jessica Silva

Secretary of the UN's committee for the protection of The Amazonia

ENDANGERED FLORA

The Amazon rainforest is an ecosystem where thousands of species of plants grow. Some of them are huge trees. Others are medium-size bushes or small herbaceous species. Many of them are unique to this area and cannot be found anywhere else on the whole planet.

Find out about the Amazon flora.

How many questions can you and your friend answer in 40 minutes?

1. Can you find some amazing plants that live in the Amazonia?

2. What is the vegetation (flora) in the Amazonia like? Why is it so important for the Earth?

3. Which plants found in this area are used for food? Which food that you can buy in a supermarket come originally from rainforests?

4. Can plants in the Amazonia cure illnesses? Which illnesses can they cure? Which plants are used to make curative drugs?

5. How many species of plants become extinct every year? Why? What is causing the extinction of plants?

6. Why are so many trees being cut down?

7. Why is **biodiversity** important for *US*?

8. What is *sustainable development*? Why is it so important for *US*? Is there sustainable development in the Amazonia now? Why / why not?

9. How does the extinction of species of plants in the Amazonia affect *YOU*?

10. What can young people in Barcelona do in favour of *sustainable development* in the Amazonia?

ENDANGERED FAUNA

The Amazon rainforest houses a huge variety of species of animals. Insects, birds, amphibians, reptiles and mammals are represented in this rich biome (ecosystem).

Find out about the fauna in the Amazonia.

How many questions can you and your friend answer in 40 minutes?

1. Can you find some amazing animals that live in the Amazonia?

2. Find pictures and names of, at least, one of each of the following groups of animals: insects, worms, fishes, birds and mammals.

3. Find pictures and names of at least one of the following groups of animals: amphibians, arachnids (like spiders) and reptiles.

4. Which of these animals are endangered?

5. How many species of animals become extinct every year? What is causing the extinction of animal species? How does the extinction of plants in the Amazonia affect the life of the animals?

6. In which parts of the forest do these animals live? What is the "**illegal trade**" of animals? Who is to be blamed for the "illegal trade" of animals?

7. Why is **biodiversity** important for *US*?

8. What is **sustainable development**? Why is it so important for *US*? Is there sustainable development in the Amazonia now? Why / why not?

9. How does the extinction of species of plants in the Amazonia affect *YOU*?

10. What can young people in Barcelona do in favour of sustainable development in the Amazonia?

DEFORESTATION and CLIMATE CHANGES

Endless areas of the Amazonia are covered with huge trees, which are essential for the survival of life on our planet. Unfortunately, every year huge areas of rainforests are burned and many trees are cut down. This is causing a lot of problems to this rich biome (ecosystem).

Find out about the fauna in the Amazonia.

How many questions can you and your friend answer in 40 minutes?

1. Can you find one or two pictures that show how amazingly big the Amazonia is?

2. Why are tropical rainforests important to our earth? Why are they good for the atmosphere?

3. What is "logging"? Why are so many trees being cut down every year?

4. Who is to be blamed for the "illegal trade" of wood?

5. Why do people burn trees in the Amazonia? What is the relationship between burning trees and climate changes?

6. What happens to the soil (land) a few years after the trees have been cut down or burned? Can you name any recent disasters that have been attributed to climate changes?

7. What is "*sustainable development*"? Why is it so important for *US*? Is the forest in the Amazonia exploited in sustainable way now? Why / Why not?

8. How does deforestation in the Amazonia affect *YOU*?

9. What can **young people** in Barcelona do in favour of *sustainable development* in the Amazonia?

INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

People have lived in the Amazonia for centuries. Indigenous people depend directly on tropical forests for shelter and food. The survival of indigenous people and their cultures depends on the survival of their ecosystem.

Find out about the Yanomami and other indigenous peoples.

How many questions can you and your friend answer in 40 minutes?

1. How many indigenous people live in the Amazonia?

2. What does the word *Yanomami* mean?

3. What do the Yanomami and other tribes do for food?

4. What do they do for shelter and clothing? How do they treat their illnesses?

5. What do you find amazing about their way of life and their cultures?

6. How many Amazonian tribes have disappeared over the past century?

7. Why is their way of life threatened now? What is happening to their land? Why are many indigenous people dying now?

8. What is *sustainable development*? Is the traditional way of life of indigenous peoples sustainable for the Amazonia? Why / why not?

9. How does the extinction of unique groups of people affect *YOU*?

10. What can **young people** in Barcelona do in favour of *sustainable development* and the survival of indigenous people and their cultures in the Amazonia?