



### WORKSHEET N°5: READING COMPREHENSION

En esta ocasión trabajaremos comprensión lectora. Deberás leer una carta abierta sobre la deforestación. Para comprenderla en totalidad quizás, necesites traducirla. Una vez la hayas leído, podrás responder las preguntas al final de la Guía. Puedes usar un diccionario, consultarme por whatsapp cuando no entiendas algo.

#### OPEN LETTER

To whom it may concern,

We, the forests family, represent the largest family in the world and want to complain about a critical situation that requires the full attention of international organizations.

Ten thousand years ago, we used to cover half of the Earth's land. By now, about one third of the forests' family has vanished.

Since the last decades of the past century, our tropical forests have been experiencing a worldwide 'massacre'.

Up to 16.9 million hectares of forests are logged each year by human beings. In other words, forests of an area of about half the size of big cities have vanished each day in the last decades, and it doesn't seem like this situation will stop.

As you may know, the speed for us to reproduce and grow can never catch up with the speed in which we get killed.

You human beings are to blame for this outrageous crime.

If this goes on...



#### 1 Item: Answer the questions.

- a) Who is the writer of the letter? Who is the intended audience? \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Is the problem described in the letter a global issue? Why? Why not? \_\_\_\_\_
- c) Which places in Chile are being affected by this problem? d. Which are the positive / negative effects of this problem in your country? \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Which of these are consequences of damaging the forests? Tick (✓) the ideas that are true.**

- a) Land surface is exposed to sunshine and rainstorms.
- b) The loss of soil and its nutrients makes it hard for the forest to revive.
- c) The culture and customs of indigenous tribes that live in the forests disappear.
- d) Many animals are forced to migrate, or they just die.
- e) The dwellings and food of some animals and plants are cleared out