**Disappearing Forests**

Forests cover almost a third of world's land surface. Many of them are so large that the only way to map them is from space.

Forests are a great source for wood and fuel, and are also home to many types of plants and animals.   
  
 Trees also stop wind and rain from removing soil. They also slow down climate change.   
  
 Unfortunately, the forests are getting smaller. Every year, huge areas are destroyed by people.   
  
 As they fly overhead, satellites can get a picture of an entire forest. They provide a way to map the forests and provide details on their condition.

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