Vocabulary #8
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<th>Deforestation</th>
<th>The action or process of clearing a wide area of trees.</th>
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<td>To graze the land to excess, which damages the environment</td>
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<td>Overharvesting</td>
<td>Taking more from the land or sea than can be replaced: Examples: farming and fishing.</td>
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<td>The increasing number of people that live in city areas.</td>
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<td>Sustainability</td>
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<td>Nuclear Fission</td>
<td>A nuclear reaction in which an atom splits to form smaller atoms with the release of energy.</td>
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<td><strong>Biomass</strong></td>
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