

CONIFEROUS FORESTS

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Mihai and Alina are neighbours and best friends. They are students in the 5th grade and have become very passionate about geography, thanks to their amazing teacher. For today’s lesson, the teacher chose to tell the kids about coniferous forests.

With a big smile and a soothing voice, she asked the children to speak about the benefits of this sort of forest. Alina quickly raised her hand, remembering that she had a discussion with her mom about it not a long time ago.

“We are listening, dear Alina!” the teacher said.

“Firstly, I know that forests give shelter to wild animals, keeping them away from humans. They also provide us with oxygen.”

Mihai is also eager to speak about an article that he has come across on the internet. The teacher gladly lets him speak.

“It’s your turn, Mihai! Tell us, what do you know about coniferous forests?”

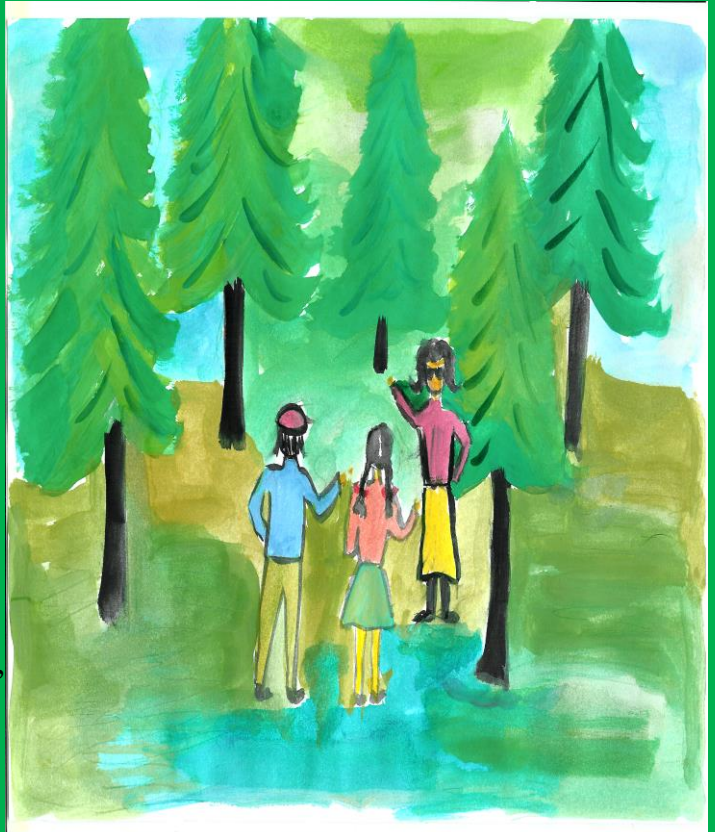
“I’ve read that forests are protected by law against illegal logging and deforestation. If deforestation occurs, wild animals such as bears and foxes would seek shelter in our cities.”

“That is absolutely correct, my darlings! You are right! Trees provide us with oxygen that is vital for humans and animals.

Even though we can’t see or feel it, we are breathing this gas the forest is offering.

Forests not only give us oxygen, but it also turns the carbon dioxide that we exhale into oxygen! Forests have a crucial role in keeping an equilibrium in the ecosystem. The Earth needs constant humidity and temperature, and trees take care of this. They resemble soldiers that fight against desertification and against harming the other species on this planet. All plants and animals, regardless of their size, find the best shelter near trees, so that they can thrive. Here, the sun is not so intense, the wind is not so ruthless, the snow is not so cold and the humidity is not excessive.

Generally speaking, we very much depend on the wellbeing of the forest. The more trees and forests we have, the more stable the soil is. Landslides can be prevented by simply planting more trees and the soil is protected against erosion. Nature is offering us everything she has and only asks for RESPECT in return!”



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