

Rainforest Chain Answer Key

Cause-and-Effect Relationships (Sample Answers):

- **Cause #1:** Trees are cut down for cattle ranching, farming, and logging.
Effect: Large areas of the forest disappear.
- **Cause #2:** Trees are destroyed.
Effect: Animals lose their habitats, and fewer species survive.
- **Cause #3:** Fewer trees absorb carbon dioxide.
Effect: Greenhouse gases build up, causing climate change.
- **Additional Acceptable Effect:** Local communities lose access to food, medicine, and fresh water.

Teacher Guide:

- This activity trains students to recognize **cause-and-effect relationships** in nonfiction texts.
- Stress that one cause can have **multiple effects** (e.g., cutting down trees affects both animals and the climate).
- Encourage students to add arrows or visuals to their organizer to show how one event can trigger a chain of results.
- Extension idea: Have students write a short paragraph explaining how protecting the Amazon could prevent negative effects.