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Amazon Truth Test

Directions: Read the passage carefully. Then, read the statements that follow. Decide if the statement is **True** (it matches what the text says) or **False** (it is incorrect or not supported by the text).

The Amazon Rainforest

The Amazon Rainforest is the largest rainforest in the world, covering parts of nine South American countries. It is often called the "lungs of the Earth" because it produces about 20% of the world's oxygen. The forest is home to millions of species of plants, animals, and insects, many of which are found nowhere else. The Amazon River, which flows through the forest, is the second longest river in the world. Indigenous tribes have lived in the rainforest for thousands of years, relying on its resources for food, shelter, and medicine. Sadly, deforestation caused by logging, farming, and cattle ranching threatens the Amazon's delicate ecosystem. Scientists warn that if destruction continues, the rainforest could reach a tipping point where it can no longer recover. Protecting the Amazon is seen as vital for both biodiversity and the health of the planet.

1. The Amazon Rainforest is the smallest rainforest in the world. ____
2. The Amazon produces about 20% of the world's oxygen. ____
3. Many unique plants and animals live in the Amazon Rainforest. ____
4. The Amazon River is the longest river in the world. ____
5. Indigenous tribes have lived in the rainforest for thousands of years. ____
6. Deforestation from logging and farming is a major threat to the Amazon.

7. Scientists believe the Amazon can recover no matter how much is destroyed. ____