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SAVE THE FORESTS



**CLIMATE
HERO
PART-2**

Hi!
I am Tara



Climate Heroes Part 2

The dramatic increase in forest fires is a result of global warming, which causes longer and harsher droughts, as well as more extreme weather events," screamed the headline of the daily newspaper. Tara quickly skimmed through the report and fell into deep thought. The article mentioned that the smoke and carbon released into the atmosphere from these fires also accelerates further warming and temperature rise. However, Tara knew that the leading source of carbon dioxide was burning fossil fuels to power homes and vehicles. She wished someone could do something to save the forests.



In faraway Cambodia, Bun Saluth is successfully protecting thousands of hectares of evergreen forest. Saluth leads a Buddhist environmental movement, and his efforts have earned him a nickname for the protected forest - Monks Community Forest. Saluth grew up as the son of a farmer, which explains his love for nature. This love was further strengthened when he left home to become a Buddhist monk. His search for peace led him to Thailand, where he met the "ecology monks," a subset of Buddhism. According to Saluth, Buddhism plays a vital role in conserving nature, as Lord Buddha used trees and caves as his lodging to obtain enlightenment. In this way, he taught people to love nature and animals. After spending five years in Thailand and learning conservation tactics from the ecology monks, Saluth returned home. He began working with the villagers living in the forest land, and though they were initially hostile, his efforts paid off. Saluth explained to the locals that the loss of the forest had made the temperature increase and rain unpredictable, which led to increased

diseases and an increased release of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. He set up a local forest community that worked to prevent illegal logging. Under his guidance, farmers started sustainable farming of mushrooms, bamboo, tree resins, and wild potatoes.

For his work, Saluth was awarded the Equator Prize by the United Nations Development Programme in 2010. Tara felt relieved that there were people looking after our forests. She got up to do her bit to help the environment by disposing of plastic waste.



Bun Saluth

New Words

1. **Accelerate**- to begin to move quickly
3. **Emissions**- the release of gas, heat, light, etc.
4. **Pristine**- unspoiled

Find other new and interesting words for each other, and write their meanings in your notebooks.

Comprehension

1. What were the headlines about?
2. Bun Saluth is from which country?
3. Why does Saluth love nature?
4. Why did Saluth leave his home?
5. For how long was Bun Saluth in Thailand?
6. What did the farmers start growing for sustainable farming?

Take turns to make more questions like these above for each other and answer them.

Prompts Pair up

1. Create a Forest Collage

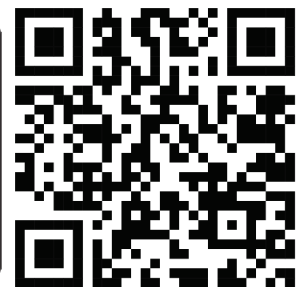
Materials: Magazines or printed pictures of trees, animals, and plants, scissors, glue, large piece of paper or poster board.

Instructions: Work together to create a forest collage that shows the beauty and diversity of a protected forest. Look through magazines or printed pictures and cut out images of trees, animals, and plants. Take turns arranging and gluing the images on the large piece of paper or poster board to create a beautiful forest scene. As you work on the collage, talk about the

importance of protecting forests and how it helps the environment and write it in your notebooks.

2. Make a bird feeder using recycled materials and place it in your backyard or park to support wildlife conservation.

Watch the video on save the forest using the QR code.



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