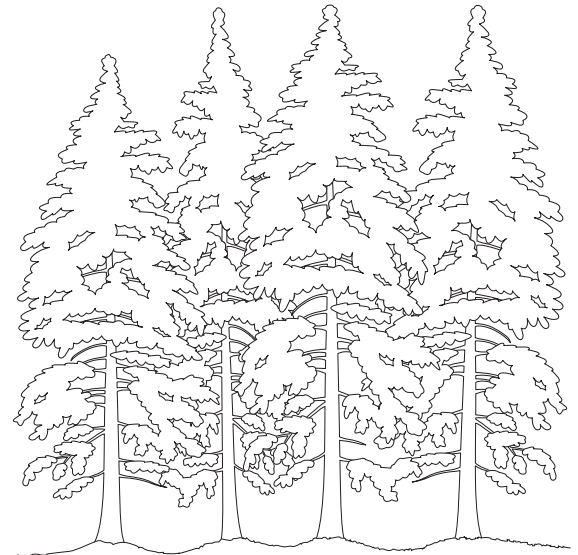


# Endangering our forests

Changing the forests can take away homes of many animals.



What has changed between the picture on the left and the one on the right?

List as many differences as you can.


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## Answers

**The trees on the left are of different species; those on the right are all the same.**

**The trees on the left are more widely spaced than those on the right, giving the chance for more light to reach the forest floor.**

**The spacing of the trees on the left is varied, while those on the right are all the same. Varied spacing creates more habitats.**

**The forest on the left supports a wide variety of animals, because there are many different things to eat, while the forest on the right supports few animals because there is little diversity of food.**

## Notes

The emphasis here is on showing that the natural environment contains a rich diversity of living things because it is varied in character. The plantation represents a much more restricted environment because all of the trees are the same species and because they are packed together.

You can extend this argument to many other places, for example a park, a farm field, or a garden.

There is more on gardens later in the book.