

5 THINGS TO LOVE ABOUT PAPER

1 PAPER COMES FROM SPECIAL TREES

Did you know that paper in South Africa comes from trees that are specially grown on "tree farms" called forestry plantations?

There are **1.2 million hectares** of these trees across the country—that's a HUGE amount! Imagine:



1.2 million rugby fields



More than half of Kruger National Park



Almost 6 times the size of Mauritius!

That's a LOT of trees growing to make paper and wood!

Using paper from these special trees does not cause deforestation. After the big trees are harvested, new ones will be planted and grown in their place.

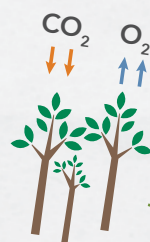
Know the difference between **deforestation** and **sustainable forestry**

Deforestation is the clearing of forests, for agricultural, commercial, housing or firewood *without replanting*.

2 FORESTRY FIGHTS CLIMATE CHANGE

Using **photosynthesis**, plants grow from sunlight, water and air. Plants take in carbon dioxide, use the carbon for growth and energy, and give us back the oxygen.

It's the same with planted trees that we use for pulp and papermaking. What many don't know is even after a tree is harvested, the carbon stays locked in the wood—even when it's made into copy paper or a book. This means it stays out of our atmosphere for longer.



3 PAPER IS EVERYWHERE!

Paper is used for so many things—drawing paper, big brown boxes, cereal boxes, reading books, school books, and even toilet paper!



Rainy day challenge!

Look around your house and write down everything made from paper. The person with the longest list wins!

How many can you find?



4 PAPER FEELS AMAZING!

Do you love the feel of a brand-new schoolbook or book? How about the fun of drawing, folding, or making cool crafts with paper? Paper is special because you can **touch, hold, and create** with it—it's not just for reading, it's for making magic with your hands!

WONDERFUL WORD:
BIOPHILIA

It means "love of natural things" and it comes from Greek: 'Philia' means "Love of" and "bio" is means "life".



5 PAPER WINS!

Paper is awesome for our eyes and brains! When we read, write, and learn on paper, we remember things better.

Reading a real book before bed can also help us sleep better.

And guess what? Paper does not need batteries or electricity to work—it's **always ready to use!**



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