

Starter conversation questions-

- Why are trees important?
- What is a 'tweet'? (can lead to a discussion about Twitter, hashtags, etc)
- How can 'tweeting' help with environmental issues?

Activities-

Create your own questions using the text below, for your learners.

Delete some key information and create a listening activity.

Ask learner to create a title for the text.

Ask learners to write a letter to a local MP about doing something similar in the UK.



Ethiopia planted more than 353 million trees in 12 hours in July 2019, which may be a world record!

The tree planting was part of a campaign named "Green Legacy," created by the country's Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed. Millions of Ethiopians across the country were invited to take part in the challenge and within the first six hours, Ahmed tweeted that around 150 million trees had been planted.

"We're halfway to our goal," he said and encouraged Ethiopians to "carry on planting in the remaining hours." After the 12-hour period ended, the Prime Minister took to Twitter again to announce that Ethiopia not only met its goal, but exceeded it.

A total of 353,633,660 tree seedlings had been planted, the country's minister for innovation and technology, Getahun Mekuria, tweeted.

A recent study estimated that restoring the world's lost forests could remove two thirds of all the planet-warming carbon that is in the atmosphere because of human activity.

The study, carried out by researchers at Swiss university ETH Zurich, calculated that restoring degraded forests all over the world could capture about 205 billion tons of carbon in total. Global carbon emissions are around 10 billion tons per year.

Information sourced from <https://edition.cnn.com/2019/07/29/africa/ethiopia-plants-350-million-trees-intl->

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