

In the past, trees would be felled as and when timber was needed by people in the locality.

Nowadays plantation trees are felled when they are mature. The timber is processed and stored in warehouses all round Britain until customers buy it.



Computerised harvesters fell, trim and cut logs into lengths in one operation.



Forwarders collect logs and take them to the forest roadside.



On very steep ground a cable crane system called a skyline carries timber to the roadside.



In certain kinds of forests, horses are used to take timber loads to the forest roadside.



Specially-built forest roads allow lorries to carry timber from the forest to the sawmill.



In some parts of Scotland timber is transported to the sawmill by barge.



At the sawmill the wood is cut with as fine a blade as possible so as not to make too much sawdust. It is cut a bit bigger than the size needed to allow for when the timber

WHAT TO DO:

Work with a partner and study carefully the pictures above. Make notes on how trees are

CUT DOWN

TRANSPORTED

PROCESSED