



# STUART & GABRIELLA

## TREE-MENDOUS TEAMWORK



**H**ey, there! Stuart and Gabriella here. Did you know that there are about three *trillion* trees on our planet? We couldn't survive on Earth without them. Trees and other land plants give us about 30% of our oxygen. The rest is from ocean plants. These plants and trees pull toxic carbon dioxide pollution out of the air. They're like the lungs of the planet! Forests and rainforests

are also home to birds, bugs, and millions of creatures.

Billions of trees have been destroyed to make products, including furniture, lumber, and paper. Forests are cleared to make room for cattle ranches and cities. So we're planting new ones. From digging to watering, everyone is working together to make our service project a success. We're growing trees *and* friendships!

Time to *branch* out. Discover words that help us work together. Fill in the blank leaves with the correct letters. Connected leaves have the same letter.

WHY DIDN'T THE TREE WANT TO PLAY CHECKERS?

BECAUSE IT WAS A CHESS NUT!

