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Where do Australians get their timber from in the 21st Century? People still admire rainforest timbers for things like kitchens and floors. In fact, you can even buy Laminex kitchen benches made to look like red cedar.

Conservation groups like the Wilderness Society are worried that Australians now get their rainforest timber from poorer countries. Why poorer countries? Well, you could argue that rainforest trees in places like Papua New Guinea, Indonesia and Malaysia aren't protected like the Wet Tropics. For a good discussion of these issues read the Good Wood Guide.

Answer the following questions:

1. What is GOOD WOOD?

2. Where does most of Australia's timber come from?

3. What percentage of sawn timber is imported from tropical rainforests?

4. What is plantation pine recommended for?
