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| **Local Women**   * You are the local women who live in the village in the forest. * You look after the trees as you rely on them for food, water, fodder for your animals and firewood. * You know that in other villages where forests have been cut down there has been terrible flooding caused by soil erosion. The roots of the trees hold the soil together and prevent the flooding. * You know how to look after the trees as this knowledge has been passed down from generation to generation over the centuries. * You know that the forests are food not in death but in life. |
| **Woodcutters**   * You don’t live in the area but you have been employed by the sports company to fell the trees. * You are skilled in your job and you rely on it to earn money to look after your family. * If the trees aren’t felled, then you won’t have a job or any money to live on. What other job could you do? * You have spent many years gaining experience in felling trees, you don’t know how to do any other job and you are afraid that your families will suffer. |
| **Government officials**   * You work for the Indian government helping decision making about investment and finance. * You know that selling timber for export to other countries brings dearly needed wealth to India. * Following the colonisation of India by the British, India was left a poor nation and you want to improve the lives of many people who live in poverty. * You would like to invest the money in providing housing, clean water and transport. |
| **Sports company**   * You run a business that helps people by providing cricket bats and tennis rackets for people’s leisure activities. * The hardwood trees in the Indian forests provide excellent wood for good quality bats and rackets. * You manufacture these sports goods, which gives jobs to hardworking people in your factories and finance to a poor country. * You don’t think that you are doing anything wrong. * As a company you have a duty to your shareholders to make profit. |