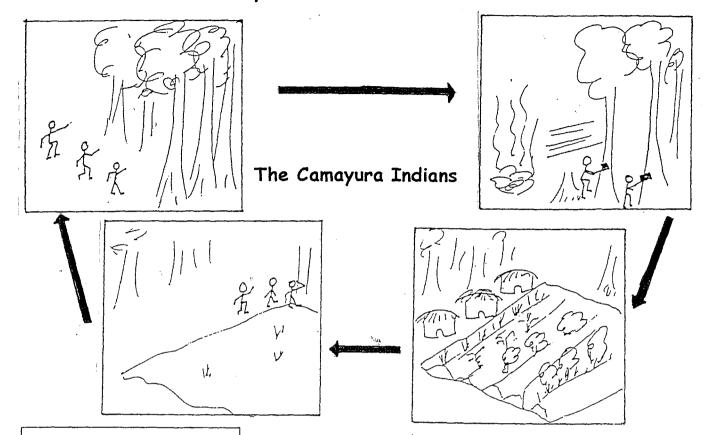
Shifting Cultivation ~ Traditional Way of Life in the Brazilian Rain Forest



TASKS

- 1. Copy the title
- 2. Copy the pictures
- 3. Add the correct label to each picture

Undergrowth and large trees are felled. Fallen vegetation is left to dry and then burned. Fertile ash now covers the soil. Huts are built of saplings, mud and leaves

EXTENSION

- Why do you think this system is called Shifting Cultivation?
- What would be the effect if the population suddenly grew?

LABELS:

Group chooses a suitable patch of forest about 100 metres across

Patch is dug over using simple tools. Crops are planted eg. Manioc. This is used to make flour. They also catch fish and small animals and collect nuts and berries.

Within less than 10 years the soil is exhausted. The patch will take up to 30 years to recover (FALLOW period) ~ so the group moves on.