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Another danger, however, comes from people who want to cut them down for other reasons. One reason they want to do this is that a large number of people die in accidents in which cars hit the plane trees. As a result, some trees have been cut down to try to make roads safer. For example, a group of motorcycle riders cut down about 100 of the trees after a rider died in an accident. Even the French Minister of Agriculture has said that all the trees should be cut down.

### Further Questions

5) What is one other reason people cut down plane trees?

人々がプレーン・ツリーを切り倒す、ほかの理由の一つは何ですか？

*One reason they want to do this is that a large number of people die in accidents in which cars hit plane trees.* 彼らがそうしたい理由の一つは、とてもたくさんの人々が、車がプレーン・ツリーにぶつかる事故で死んでいるからです。

6) What did a group of motorcycle riders do? オートバイ・ライダーたちのグループは何をしたのですか？

*They cut down about 100 of the trees after a rider died in an accident.*

彼らは、あるライダーが事故で死んでから、およそ 100 本の木を切り倒しました。

しかしながら 同意 (どうい) しない  
However, some people disagree. They say that the trees are not the problem.

These people believe that such accidents are caused by people driving too fast. Chantal Fauché, a French woman who is trying to save the trees, says that even if the trees are removed, bad drivers will continue to have accidents.

いまだに ~ の数 (かず) 100 万 (まん)  
Still, the number of these trees has gone down from around 3 million to 250,000 over the last 100 years.

### Further Questions

7) What do some people believe is causing accidents?

一部の人は、何が事故を起こしていると信じているのですか？

*They believe accidents are caused by people driving too fast.*

彼らは、事故がスピードを出しすぎている人々によって引き起こされていると信じています。

8) How much have the number of plane trees in France decreased?

フランスのプレーン・ツリーの数は、どれくらい減りましたか？

*The number of the trees has gone down from around 3 million to 250,000 in the last 100 years.* その木々の数は、この 100 年で約 300 万から 25 万本に減りました。

### \*Choose the correct answer from these choices.

(42) The plane trees in France

危機 (きき)

- are in danger because too many people use the for wood.
- sometimes grow in the middle of roads.

- 3 have been grown in the countryside for hundreds of years.
- 4 were planted to make rivers look beautiful.

## (43) What happened in France during World War II?

- 1 Many plane trees were cut down to make room for 建物 (たてもの) buildings.
- 2 American 兵士 (へいし) たち soldiers 偶然 (ぐうぜん) accidentally 破壊 (はかい) した destroyed an important road.
- 3 A disease that 病気 (びょうき) affects 影響 (えいきょう) する plane trees was brought from America.
- 4 A man-made river was built by the French 政府 (せいふ) government.

## (44) Why do some people think that plane trees are dangerous?

- 1 The 大臣 (だいじん) Minister of 農業 (のうぎょう) Agriculture says the trees make it hard for drivers to see.
- 2 The trees sometimes fall onto roads and cause car accidents.
- 3 A group of motorcycle riders died while cutting some trees down.
- 4 A lot of people have died after hitting the trees while driving.

## (45) Chantal Fauché

- 1 thinks that 取 (と) り除 (のぞ) くこと removing the plane trees does not help road safety
- 2 believes that better roads will help people go to places faster.
- 3 wants to reduce ～ の 数 (かず) the number of plane trees in France to 250,000.
- 4 says that it can take over 100 years for the new plane tree to grow.

## Answers for "Further Questions".

- 1) What is the French countryside known for?  
*It is known for the beautiful long lines of trees that grow along the sides of roads and rivers.*
- 2) Why were the plane trees first planted?  
*They were first planted for wood and to give shade along roads.*
- 3) What has happened since World War II?  
*Thousands of plane trees have caught a disease that was accidentally brought to France from America.*
- 4) Why are the plane trees being cut down?  
*They are being cut down to keep the disease from spreading.*
- 5) What is one other reason people cut down plane trees?  
*One reason they want to do this is that a large number of people die in accidents in which cars hit plane trees.*
- 6) What did a group of motorcycle riders do?  
*They cut down about 100 of the trees after a rider died in an accident.*

- 7) What do some people believe is causing accidents?  
*They believe accidents are caused by people driving too fast.*
- 8) How much have the number of plane trees in France decreased?  
*The number of the trees has gone down from around 3 million to 250,000 in the last 100 years.*

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