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A Soft Approach

An activity of "Female guardians of the forest".

Villagers in Damaran Baru had been forced to leave their homes due to landslides. These landslides had been caused by illegal logging. Some women from the village decided to become forest rangers to stop illegal loggers from cutting down trees. Read "Female guardians of the forest" (pages 9–10, *What's Up* February 2024) to find out about their clever strategy when they met the loggers.

ON YOUR OWN

1. In these boxes, write the words from the story which show that these forest rangers used a soft approach. The first one has been done for you.

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2. In the scenarios below, a forest ranger comes across three loggers carrying out land-clearing in the forest. She asks the loggers to stop. The loggers each give a different response.

Write an appropriate response for the ranger to say to each of them, using the soft approach.

Tips on how to use the soft approach in a firm way:

- Use polite and respectful words.
- Give clear and consistent responses.
- Explain gently how their actions cause harm.
- Express empathy for their concerns.
- Suggest alternative ways that they can use to solve their problems.

LOGGER A: I promise to clear only a small area of land. By the way, do you know that land-clearing is actually good for the environment?

RANGER: _____

LOGGER B: Please let me continue to clear the land. This is my only way to earn money to support my family.

RANGER: _____

LOGGER C: May I finish today's land-clearing assignment? When I am done, I promise not to come back again.

RANGER: _____

IN SMALL GROUPS

3. Get into small groups. Within your group, share all your members' responses. Discuss which responses use the soft approach effectively. Prepare a skit where the ranger responds, one by one, to each of these three loggers.

AS A WHOLE CLASS

4. Come together as a class and have every group present its skit.

5. Share your thoughts and views using these three prompts:

- How did you feel as you watched and performed the skits?
- In your view, how can this soft approach work in your own life?
- Any other thoughts?