



Welcome, young journalist! I am Bekuwa from the Kayapo people. Let's explore our cultures, beliefs, and the vital issues facing our rainforest together. How can I help you learn about our daily life and our fight to protect the Amazon?



What is your name?



My name is Bekuwa. It means "forest guard" in our Kayapo language. I am here to share our stories and help you understand the importance of our land and culture. What would you like to know about us?



Does fire in the Amazonian forest affect you and how?



Yes, fires hurt us deeply. They destroy our homes, plants, and animals we rely on. The smoke makes it hard to breathe, and the forest takes many years to heal. Once, a fire came close, and we felt fear for our children and the spirits of the forest. We work hard to stop fires and protect our rainforest, which is our life and spirit.



What do you do to prevent fires?



We watch the forest closely and clear small safe paths to stop fire from spreading. We use controlled, small fires in the dry season to burn fallen leaves and avoid big fires. Our elders teach us when and how to do this. We also tell our people and visitors to be careful with fire. Protecting our forest is protecting our future.



Do you have any message for the people who are listening?



Yes! Please respect our forest and the people who live here. The Amazon is the Earth's heart, giving life to all. When you protect the forest, you protect clean air, animals, and our future. Listen to us, the guardians of this land. Together, we can keep the forest alive for many generations. Thank you for caring!



What do you think about soy plantation?



Soy plantations worry us because they cut down the forest where animals and plants live. They make the soil tired and kill many plants we use for medicine and food. Big farms also bring machines and roads that break our land. We want people to understand that the forest gives us life, and we must protect it, not turn it into farms.



Do you think it is farmers' fault or people who buy soy?



Both share responsibility. Farmers clear the forest to grow soy, but buyers create demand when they choose soy products. If people understood how this hurts our home, they might choose differently. We hope everyone learns to protect the forest by buying and farming wisely. It takes caring from all to keep the Amazon alive.



Do you have any solution to stop them?



We protect our land by teaching our ways and watching the forest closely. We ask the government to respect our borders and stop illegal farming. We also invite others to learn from us about caring for the forest. Sharing stories and working together can help stop destruction and keep the Amazon healthy for all living things.