

SPAG and Reading Activity

Thursday 20th January 2021

Layers of the Rainforest

- 8 Tropical rainforests are made up of distinct layers.
- 19 The forest floor is very hot and humid and little grows
31 there. This part of the rainforest gets less than 2% of the
43 sun's light. It is covered in a thin layer of fallen leaves
47 which rot away quickly.
- 57 Next are the shrub layer and the understory - a dark
68 place, where lots of insects, frogs and snakes can be found
77 amongst the few plants which don't need much sunlight.
- 87 Above this is the canopy, where most trees stop growing
98 and where up to 90% of rainforest creatures can be found.
- 111 This sunny area, rich in fruit and seeds, can be as high as
116 thirty metres off the ground.
- 125 Finally, the few giant trees that thrust themselves above
134 the dense canopy layer are called the emergent layer.



Quick Questions



1. In which layer can most rainforest animals be found?



2. *'The few giant trees that thrust themselves above the dense canopy layer...'*
What do you think dense means in this sentence?



3. How is the forest floor different to the canopy?
Give two reasons.



4. Why don't animals live on the forest floor?

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Replace the underlined words with appropriate pronouns.

Maddie wants to be an Olympic swimmer when Maddie gets older.

It is Maddie's biggest dream.

Mr Whoops has accidentally jumbled up one of his Y3/Y4 spelling words. Can you help him to unjumble it? (CLUE: It's an adjective!)

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Tick the sentence that has used the plural possessive apostrophe correctly:

The children's shoes were terribly muddy.

The childrens' shoes were terribly muddy.

The childrens shoes' were terribly muddy.

Can you think of words ending in 'cian' to match these occupation definitions? Use a dictionary if you need to:

A member of parliament _____

Someone who checks your eyesight _____

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d

Underline the fronted adverbial in this sentence.

At the top of the hill, the Easter egg race began.



e

Underline the subordinate clause in this sentence.

Because they want a chance to see the Statue of Liberty, many tourists visit New York City every year.



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Answers on next slides



Answers



1. In which layer can most rainforest animals be found?

Accept: (the) Canopy.



2. *'The few giant trees that thrust themselves above the dense canopy layer...'*

What do you think dense means in this sentence?

Accept any answer which states that dense is thick, full or tightly packed.



3. How is the forest floor different to the canopy?
Give two reasons.

Accept any two accurate differences as stated in the text, e.g. little grows on the forest floor and lots grow in the canopy.



4. Why don't animals live on the forest floor?
Accept any explanation regarding it being inhospitable, e.g. 'Animals would have no fruit or seeds to keep them alive because hardly anything grows on the forest floor.'

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Replace the underlined words with an appropriate pronoun.

Maddie wants to be an Olympic swimmer when Maddie gets older. It is Maddie's biggest dream. Maddie spends most of Maddie's life in goggles; she even sleeps in goggles.

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Mr Whoops has accidentally jumbled two Y3/Y4 spelling words. Can you help him to unjumble them? (CLUE: They're both adjectives!)

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Tick the sentences that has used the plural possessive apostrophe correctly:

The children's shoes were terribly muddy. ✓

The childrens' coats were all wet.

The girls' noses were all red from the freezing air. ✓

The boys finger's were bitterly cold.

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Can you think of words ending in 'cian' to match these occupation definitions?

A member of parliament
politician

Someone who checks your eyesight
optician

e

Underline the fronted adverbial in this sentence.

At the top of the hill, the Easter egg race began.



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Rewrite this sentence with a subordinate clause.

Many tourists visit New York city every year.

Accept any sensible sentence with a subordinate clause headed with a subordinating conjunction, e.g. Because they want a chance to see the Statue of Liberty, many tourists visit New York City every year.

OR Many tourists visit New York City every year because they want to see the sights there.