

SPAG and Reading Activity

Friday 21st January 2021

People of the Rainforest

10 We stumbled on them much by chance – spotting a young
21 girl, no older than four, through the clearing in the trees.
32 She merely wore a skirt made from reeds and leaves, and
43 a simple cloth headband to keep the hair from her eyes.
52 We watched as she toddled towards the river – unsteady
64 on her feet, but far steadier than we were. It was clear
70 that she knew this rainforest well.

82 In the river stood a man with a bow and arrow made
91 from forest vines. He stood, knee-high in the flowing
100 torrents, aiming towards the water as silently as a
110 cheetah stalking its prey. With no hesitation, he let the
120 arrow fly and, from beneath the water, he retrieved a
130 humongous tilapia. He passed it to the little girl, who
135 scurried away amongst the trees.



Quick Questions



1. What two things was the girl wearing?



2. '*He stood, knee-high in the flowing torrents...*'
What do you think torrents means in this sentence?



3. What do you think a 'tilapia' is? Give a reason for your answer.



4. How do you think the girl's clothing compares to that of the explorers?

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a
Complete the sentence and make sure you add an adjective. Circle it.

My favourite teacher, whose name is Mr. Holdsworth, _____
_____.



b
Can you underline the two determiners in this sentence?

The three little pigs built houses.



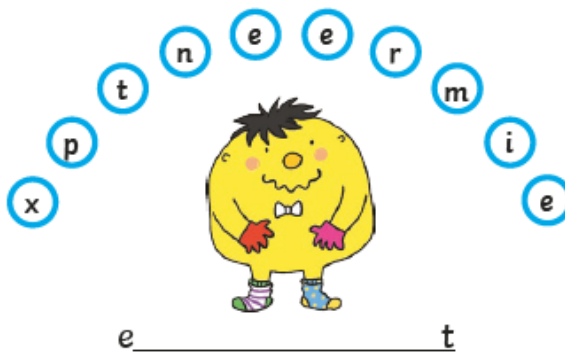
c
Tick the sentence that uses the past progressive tense.

Joe was playing football in the garden.

After Joe finished his tea, he went out into the garden.

Joe is playing on his garden swing.

d
Mr Whoops has been juggling with the letters from one of his Y4 spelling words - can you spot what it is?



e
There are TWO possessive pronouns hiding in this word search. Can you find them?

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t h e i r s
t z x n y u
a s e e v g

f
Can you think of a root word which matches this definition when added to this prefix?

Going against the direction of a clock.

anti _____



Answers on next slides



Answers



1. What two things was the girl wearing?
Accept: 'skirt' and 'headband'.



2. *'He stood, knee-high in the flowing torrents...'*
What do you think torrents means in this sentence?
Accept any answer which relates to a body of water moving quickly or the water's strength being great.



3. What do you think a 'tilapia' is? Give a reason for your answer.
Accept answers which infer that it is a fish or a river-dwelling creature provided that a reasonable justification is provided, such as 'he caught it in the river'.



4. How do you think the girl's clothing compares to that of the explorers?
Accept any reasonable comparison between her lack of clothing and what it is made from, compared to their presumable hiking clothing made from modern, western fabrics.

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a
Complete the sentence and make sure you add an adjective. Circle it.

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Accept any sentence with a circled adjective, e.g. My favourite teacher, whose name is Mr Holdsworth, always delivers enjoyable lessons.

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x p t n e e r m i e

experiment

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