

Monday 8th June 2020

Reading Comprehension

Hi Yachts!

We have a few birthdays this week so **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to those of you who are celebrating 😊 😊

Don't forget that you can be practising your spelling words on Spellodrome <https://login.spellodrome.com/> (use the same login as you do for Mathletics).

Let's start with a spelling challenge of our own – you can choose the best option for you or try all of them. Can you figure out the missing letters to make one of your spelling words?

Option 1: ol_ c_l_ t__d ho__

Option 2: _dd_ess d_c_de _iff__en_ dis__pe_r

Read the text below then use it to answer the questions.

Jungle Log: 18th April 2020



Today has been an amazing day of discovery! I woke early and got ready for my trek into the Atlanti Jungle. I was excited and couldn't wait to see what lay ahead of me. I packed my rucksack and put on my sturdy walking boots then I made sure my camera was working because I wanted to record as much of the day as possible. I left the camp at 6am.

First, I trudged through the dense forest and collected samples of the plant life. My favourite was a thorny bush. It had tiny, yellow flowers growing on it, which smelt like ice cream! Next, I studied some of the mesmerising insects that were crawling up the rough bark of every tree. One insect looked like a caterpillar but had 2 sets of wings and tiny hands on the ends of its 20 legs. Excitedly, I

photographed as many creatures as I could because I wanted to show my explorer friends what I had discovered.

After a short tea break, I measured the circumference of the tallest trees to work out how old they were. One measured 10 metres around and was so tall that I couldn't see the top of it. It reminded me of the beanstalk in a famous children's story. Next, I trekked to a clearing and found a beautiful plunge pool. The water was turquoise and tiny, neon fish were splashing on the surface. I tried to catch one, but they were too fast for me. Then it was time for a rest. I lounged on pink grass, soaked up the purple sun beams and listened to the strange jungle noises around me.

Finally, I headed back to camp because the sun began to set. It sets quickly in Oreno and I was worried I might get lost. When I got to my tent, I unpacked my rucksack and stored my plant samples safely. I'm really looking forward to where my adventures will take me next week!

1. Which jungle is going to be explored?

2. List two things the explorer did before he left camp.

3. Give two reasons why the explorer left early at 6am.

4. Which word in the text means the same as prickly?

5. What did the tiny, yellow flowers smell of?

6. The fish in the plunge pool were hiding. True or false?

7. What useful things might the explorer have in his rucksack for exploring?

8. Why did the explorer measure the trees?

9. The explorer says: *It reminded me of the beanstalk in a famous children's story.* What story do you think he is talking about?

Challenge: Can you think of a true or false question about the text?

Let's take a look at the meaning of some of the words in the diary:

Word	Definition
discovery	Something that is found or learned for the first time.
trek	A long, challenging journey on foot.
sturdy	Strong and solid.
trudge	To walk slowly.
circumference	The distance around something circular.

dense	Packed together with not much free space.
mesmerising	Something that holds your complete attention.
turquoise	A greenish-blue colour.

Can you remember what a **synonym** is? Match the synonyms below this table to the words – use the definitions above to help you.

Word	Synonym
discovery	
trek	
sturdy	
trudge	
circumference	
dense	
mesmerising	
turquoise	

Which Synonyms match the words?						
fascinating	edge	hard-wearing	hike	finding	plod	thick
			blue-green			

Challenge: Can you find any more synonyms to add into the table? You could use a thesaurus – here's one online <https://www.thesaurus.com/>.