



Activity 1

<u>L/O: I can explain the meaning of words in context</u>	What I think	My teacher thinks
I can remember to:		
Skim and scan to find each word in the text.	☐	
Read around each word to understand its meaning.	☐	
Give a clear explanation of the meaning of each word	☐	

Mild:

These words have been taken from the text. **Match** each one to its meaning.

humid	an animal that hunts, catches and eats other animals
habitat	when a species has died out
camouflaged	a place where an animal lives
predator	when there is water vapour in the air making it feel damp and sticky
extinct	a cold-blooded animal which often has scales
reptile	blending in with the surroundings

Hot:

Why do so many creatures live in the rainforests?

Tropical rainforests are **teeming** with all kinds of wildlife including mammals, **reptiles** and birds. In fact, it is estimated that around half of all the animal **species** in the world live in the rainforest. So many creatures live there because conditions are **optimal** for their survival. All the wildlife is able to find plenty of food and water, there is also shade from the heat and shelter from the rain. Trees grow very tall and the **vegetation** is very dense. There are so many animals living in the rainforests that scientists think that there may be more species that have not yet been discovered!

Look at the definitions below and identify the word they are describing from the above passage.

Definition

Word

plant life

a cold-blooded animal which often has scales

to be full of something

a group of similar organisms (living things)

best of most effective

Spicy:

Did you know?

The word **camouflage** comes from the French word **camoufler**, which means "to disguise".

Use a dictionary to help you write your own definition for six of the key words below. You can use the online dictionary by clicking [HERE](#). Then have a go at writing your own sentence using the key words you have chosen.

humid habitats teeming reptiles species
optimal vegetation dense camouflaged predators
populated digestive extinct deforestation

Word	Definition	Example
deforestation	<i>the clearing, or cutting down, of forests</i>	<i>Lots of creatures are at risk of extinction because of deforestation.</i>

Challenge!

Etymology is the study of the history of words (where they come from)

Your challenge is to use the internet to find out about where your key words come from!