



Activity 2

Answers

Mild – retrieval

1. Where are most of the Earth's rainforests located?
Near the Equator, between the Tropics.
2. What is the weather like in the rainforest?
Very hot, damp and humid.
3. Which is the biggest rainforest in the world?
The Amazon Rainforest.
4. Complete the sentence. *Most of the Amazon rainforest is in Brazil.*
5. Complete the sentence. *Many creatures are at risk of becoming extinct.*

Hot – retrieval & inference

6. Why do so many species choose to live in the rainforests?
The conditions are optimal (just right!) for their survival.
7. How does camouflage help creatures living in the rainforest?
They can hide from predators or lay in wait for prey.
8. How do tigers differ from other big cats living in the rainforest?
They live in Asia and also inhabit cold areas.
9. Why do you think that some larger animals like anteaters and tigers live on the forest floor rather than in the branches of trees?
Heavier animals are not able to be supported by branches, vines etc.
10. Why do you think the information about sloths is in a "Did you know?" box?
It is interesting, surprising information.

Spicy – inference

11. Why do you think that it might be difficult for scientists to be sure that they are aware of all the creatures living in the rainforest?

Dense vegetation would probably make searching difficult.

There may be some parts of the forest that are yet to be explored.

Animals may be extremely well camouflaged or hidden away.

12. Why do you think the writer has put the information about the problems of the chopping down of the rainforests in a fact box?

To make it stand out to the reader.

13. Do you think there is anything you could do to help the endangered creatures of the rainforest?

Donate to relevant charities, raise awareness, recycle, learn more about what's in your food and where it comes from and write to companies that are still using 'dirty' palm oil (palm oil that comes from rainforest deforestation) – *we will be doing this in our Literacy lessons very soon!*

14. Why do you think the writer has compared the weight of an anaconda to that of seven children rather than just giving the weight in kilograms?

This makes it clearer to young readers because it is easier to imagine.

15. How does the existence of the rainforests affect us in the UK?

We all need the oxygen produced by the trees.

The plants of the rainforest are used in medicines.

A lot of items in our supermarkets contain products which come from the rainforests.