



Now for some grammar

Before you write your log, let's practise some sentences that will help you to write like an explorer.

More detail please

★ You can add detail to your sentences by using the simple joining words *and* or *but*. For example:

1. I trudged through the dense forest *and* collected samples of the plant life.
2. I tried to catch a fish *but* they were too fast for me.



Create sentences about your jungle and add detail using *and* or *but*.

Add in 'When'

★ The log uses sentence signposts to tell the reader when something happened in the journey. The ones used in the log are known technically as 'fronted adverbials' – adverbs (or phrases beginning with adverbs) that are placed at the front of sentences to show us WHEN. These include:

First, Next, After that, Then, Afterwards, After a while, Finally, When ... ,

For example:

1. *Next*, I trekked to a clearing and found a beautiful plunge pool.
2. *Finally*, I headed back to camp because the sun began to set.



Redraft your sentences, using fronted adverbials to show WHEN things happened.

Explain a bit more, please

★ Now try practising some sentences that will help you explain what you were doing, using *because* to enable you to explain.

For example: *Finally, I headed back to camp because it was getting late.*



Take sentences from your ideas above but try adding *because* to explain why you did something. Start your sentence with a fronted adverbial again. Remember, you can spin your sentence round and start with *because*, as well. For example:

1. *First*, I set out early *because* the jungle was far away.
2. *Because* the jungle was far away, the first thing I did was set out early.
3. *After that*, I packed my camera *because* I wanted to photograph the flowers.



Write away!

Now you're ready to write your first Jungle Log!

★ Use your plan (and the model for Atanti if it helps) to draft your log on a separate piece of paper.

Remember to:

- add detail to your sentences by using *and* or *but*;
- add explanation to your sentences using *because*;
- use fronted adverbials like *After that* or *because*, to start some sentences;
- check your capital letters at the start of sentences, full stops at the end and commas after a fronted adverbial or the phrase introduced by the fronted adverbial.