

Rainforest Poetry



Day 1

Monday 6th July 2020/ Thursday 9th July 2020

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Word of the Day **verdant**



adjective: green with grass or thick vegetation

Synonyms:

green leafy grassy grass-covered lush rich flourishing
thriving teeming prolific rampant overgrown dense thick

Antonyms:

desert, cultured, elegant, bleak, arid, sere, unproductive, well-bred, dying,
scarce, urban, dry, waterless, polished, polite, parched, leafless, urbane,
accomplished, depleted, refined.

Verdant trees stretched to the steely sky, a swath of green, brown, and grey.

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Literacy starter

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colourful beak

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striking plumage

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toucan squawks

noun verb

hyphenated

adjective, noun

rabbit-eared fellow

striking plumage

rest are adjective, noun

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Identify the word classes

BIRD EATING SPIDER

BIRD-EATING SPIDER

How does the hyphen change the meaning?

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adjective

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Two different meanings....



BIRD EATING SPIDER

The bird is eating
the spider.

A type of spider
eats birds!!

BIRD-EATING SPIDER



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Which is the right one to make the picture make sense?

Picture framing artist
Picture-framing artist



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Can you spot any hyphenated words in the poems today?

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What makes a good poem?

- Rhyming
- Figurative language
- Creating a picture in your head
- Powerful vocabulary

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Success criteria

Can you identify:

- Adjectives
- Verbs
- Adverbs
- Hyphenated words
- Similes
- Metaphors
- Personification
- Onomatopoeia

How does it create a picture of an animal/scene in the rainforest?

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Analysing poems

What language has been included?

Does it follow a pattern?

Does it rhyme - does poetry have to?

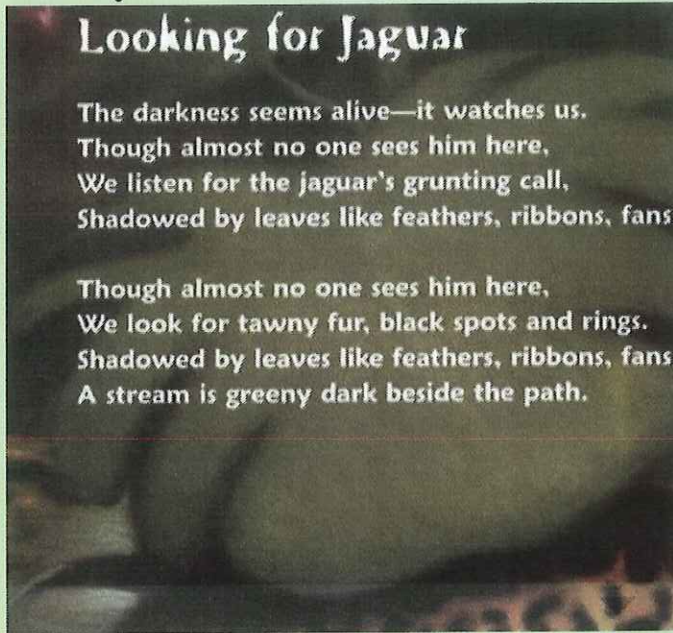
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What features can we find together?

Looking for Jaguar

The darkness seems alive—it watches us.
Though almost no one sees him here,
We listen for the jaguar's grunting call,
Shadowed by leaves like feathers, ribbons, fans.

Though almost no one sees him here,
We look for tawny fur, black spots and rings.
Shadowed by leaves like feathers, ribbons, fans,
A stream is greeny dark beside the path.



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What features can we find together?

We look for tawny fur, black spots and rings.
Where purple flowers float like butterflies,
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The air's so hot and wet it's hard to breathe.

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Parenthesis more

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personification

First and last lines of poem are the same.

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I think I'll just stay awake.

What is a
viper?

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What is a sneaker? What are warts?

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What is
onomatopoeia?

Challenges

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Find the features in the poems we have just looked at.



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metaphor

adverbs

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