Rainforest Poetry

Day 3

Monday 13th July 2020/ Thursday 16th July 2020

Word of the Day

Solitary

Adjective: done or existing alone.

Synonyms

adjective

1. lonely · companionless · unaccompanied · by oneself/itself · on one's/its own · (all) alone · friendless · antisocial · unsociable · withdrawn · reclusive

Antonyms

together · general · accompanied · sociable · common · ordinary · combined

Leopards are very solitary and spend most of their time alone.

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Vines slithered their way down the bark like snakes.

The forest was a huge green blanket.

Which is the odd one out? ANSWERS

The jaguar's purr was like a motorbike engine revving loudly. (S)

The toucan's beak was like a colourful rainbow. (S)

The squirrels argued over the acorns. (P)

Vines slithered their way down the bark like snakes. (S)

The forest was a huge green blanket. (M)

(S) Simile   (P) Personification   (M) Metaphor

What is personification?

PERSONiFiCatiON

Giving human qualities
to animals or objects.

Example:

The stars winked at me.

Are these examples of personification? Prove it

The vines clamber up the neck of the old oak tree.

The vine's spindly fingers slowly strangle
the wrinkled and withered neck of the old oak.

Don't forget alliteration

Caterpillars crawled creepily along the branches bony fingers.

Vibrant butterflies flapped furiously in the sweltering heat.

Toucans posed proudly showing off their incredible beaks.

<u>Making a metaphor</u>

Generate a simile: The stars are like diamonds.

Omit the word like: The stars are diamonds.

Move the noun in front of the image: The diamond stars.

Recap

What makes a good poem?

- Rhyming

- Figurative language

- Creating a picture in your head

- Powerful vocabulary

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.

We look for tawny fur, black spots and rings.
Where purple flowers float like butterflies,
A stream is greeny dark beside the path.
The air's so hot and wet it's hard to breathe.

Where purple flowers float like butterflies,
We listen for the jaguar's grunting call.
The air's so hot and wet it's hard to breathe.
The darkness seems alive—it watches us.

Nightmares Tonight

A hairy bird-eating spider,
big as my fist,
with fangs poking from brown fur muffs,
stares at me with eight glittery eyes.
I'm going to have nightmares tonight.

An eyelash viper,
yellow as buttered corn,
with stubby horns above its eyes,
opens wide its fanged pink mouth.
I'm going to have nightmares tonight.

An upside-down brown bat,
hanging like a leather coat,
with squished-in face and vampire teeth,
sleeps in a hollow tree till dark.
I think I'll just stay awake.

Jungle Concert

I roam through green silence,
then stop
        to let blossoms of sound
unfold in many colors:

rustles in the underbrush,
crinkle of leaves as a monkey lands,
a jagged whistle cutting the air,

twee twee twee whit trickling down
              from a tree,
a parrot's *raak kraak kwaaa*,
the chirps and whirrs of insects and frogs,

a noise like distant barks of a dog
becoming the roar
        of a dozen winds
as howler monkeys cry.

Last the *whish* and spatter of rain
filling my ears,
        filling the world
with no other sound but water.

Giant Armadillo

Rat-tailed, pig-nosed, rabbit-eared fellow
Stuck in a turtle shell, poor armadillo.
Warts on his tongue and plates on his back.
Maggots and worms are his favorite snack.
He's a snuffler and snorter instead of a squeaker.
Often he smells like a very old sneaker.
He wears on one toe the world's largest claw,
So you'd think that everyone might stand in awe,
But he hides in a hole if someone says *boo.*
I wish I could tell him, "There's *no one* like you!"
With a hundred-tooth smile and his own suit of armor,
He's really a one-in-a-million-y charmer.

LO: To plan a poem

- Choose an animal

- Use senses to describe it

Success Criteria

- Use the vocabulary mats to help

- Interesting adjective, verbs and adverbs

- Similes

- Metaphors

- Personification

- Onomatopoeia

- Create a picture of an animal/scene in the rainforest

What does it look like? *Mild*

What does it eat? *Mild*

Mild Similes

Toucan

What does it sound like? *Mild*

Spicy Metaphors

How does it move? *Mild*

Hot Personification or onomatopoeia

Where does it live? *Mild*

Repeated lines or rhyming

What Can I Describe?	How Can I Describe It?	What Can It Do?	Examples of Effective Phrases
biodiversity	chaotic	crawl	16.7.2020
canopies	dense	creep	...lurking within the dense foliage...
deforestation	endless	disappear	
ecosystems	exotic	emerge	Among gnarled and twisted vines...
fauna	hazardous	escape	
flora	hostile	hide	...abundant and luscious flora...
fruits	humid	infest	
ground	impassable	inhabit	...through the impenetrable and sinister
habitats	impenetrable	live	swamp...
insects	lush	lurk	
layers	luxuriant	melt	...previously unexplored territory...
plants	mysterious	plunge	
predators	remote	retreat	Stifling heat made the exotic paradise
species	steamy	roam	extremely hazardous.
swamps	swampy	search	
temperature	tangled	survive	
thickets	tough	teem	
vines	trackless	trek	
weather	unexplored	venture	
wildlife	uninhabited	wander	

Tropical Rainforest

Descriptive Words

What Is the Climate Like?

consistently warm, equatorial, hot, humid, moist, stagnant, temperate, tropical, water-abundant, wet, year-round high temperatures

What Is the Rainforest like at Night?

awake, busy, dangerous, deadly, lively, nocturnal, noisy, pitch-black, predator-filled

What Sounds Can Be Heard?

buzzing, chattering, clicking, dripping, flapping, growling, howling, loud, rustling, scuttling, shrieking, splashing, squawking, stridulating, trickling, vocalising

How Could You Describe a Rainforest?

abundant, biodiverse, chaotic, dense, essential, impassable, impenetrable, inaccessible, luxuriant, mysterious, primitive, pristine, remote, temperate, tough, undisturbed, unexplored, vast

What Is It like in a Rainforest Canopy?

breezy, bright, elevated, leafy, maze-like, noisy, nutrient-rich, plentiful, refreshing, strong, sunlit, tangled, vibrant, warm

What Does a Rainforest Smell Like?

decaying, earthy, fetid, floral, fruity, leafy, moist, pungent, swampy, tropical, vegetation

What Is the Emergent Layer Like?

bright, broad-leaved, hardwood, looming, noisy, rainy, sunlit, top-heavy, towering, unsteady, windy

What Is the Understorey Like?

damp, dangerous, food-rich, hot, humid, leafy, lively, low-light, moist, patchy, shaded, sheltered, speckled, sun-dappled, teeming, warm, wet

How Could You Describe the Forest Floor?

dank, dark, decaying, decomposing, earthy, hot, infested, putrid, rotting, shaded, shadowy, unlit

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LO: To plan a poem

Challenges

Mild: Think about interesting verbs, adjectives and adverbs to describe what it looks like, sounds like, how it moves, what it eats, where it lives. Think of similes to include. Think about alliteration.

Spicy: All of mild plus think of metaphors to include.

Hot: All of mild and spicy plus trying to include some personification or onomatopoeia.

Needs Water!: Can you think of a line to repeat throughout? Any rhyming to include at the end of the lines?