

Day 5

Now mark your answers to text 2.

Accept answers close to:

1. They might be in danger because their wounds will be very difficult to heal.
2. The maggots can help by nibbling the bad flesh off so the wound can heal.
3. Because it is adventurous and also to learn more about the wildlife.
4. We wouldn't know as much as we know about the animals that live there but also about how the place works.
5. Mounteners. The modern scientists use their climbing techniques to explore the high trees.
6. They use equipment such as ropes, ladders, harnesses and arrows to attach themselves to the trees and travel from branch to branch.
7. They must be very brave as it must be very scary to jump from tree to tree at a 100 metres high.

Horrible Health Warning

If you get bitten or scratched, take care. In the rainforest heat, wounds quickly turn nasty because ghastly germs breed so fast. Before you know it, your flesh starts to rot, and then the maggots move in. If you can bear it, leave the maggots alone. They'll gobble up all the horrible mouldy bits.



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SOMEONE
GIVE ME
A HAND?

Modern-day exploration

Bored of sitting around all day, playing computer games? As if. Still, if it's a life of adventure you're after, why not head for the rainforest yourself? After all, you don't want your teacher getting big-headed, do you? For years, rainforests had horrible geographers stumped. They were desperate to sneak a peak in the canopy but it was just too bloomin' high up to see. Today, there are lots of ways of travelling through the treetops. Got a good head for heights? You'll need one where you're going...

Modern scientists and geographers head for the rainforests to study the wildlife and find out how the place works. They use ropes and harnesses to climb the tallest trees. They pinched the idea from mountaineers. They fire a fine rope over a branch on the end of an arrow, with a stronger rope tied to the end. They tie it on tightly, then haul themselves up. To get about from tree to tree, they use light metal walkways and ladders over 100 metres above the ground. (You'll soon get used to the swaying.) That's like popping out for an afternoon stroll on top of a 30-storey building. Freaky, or what?