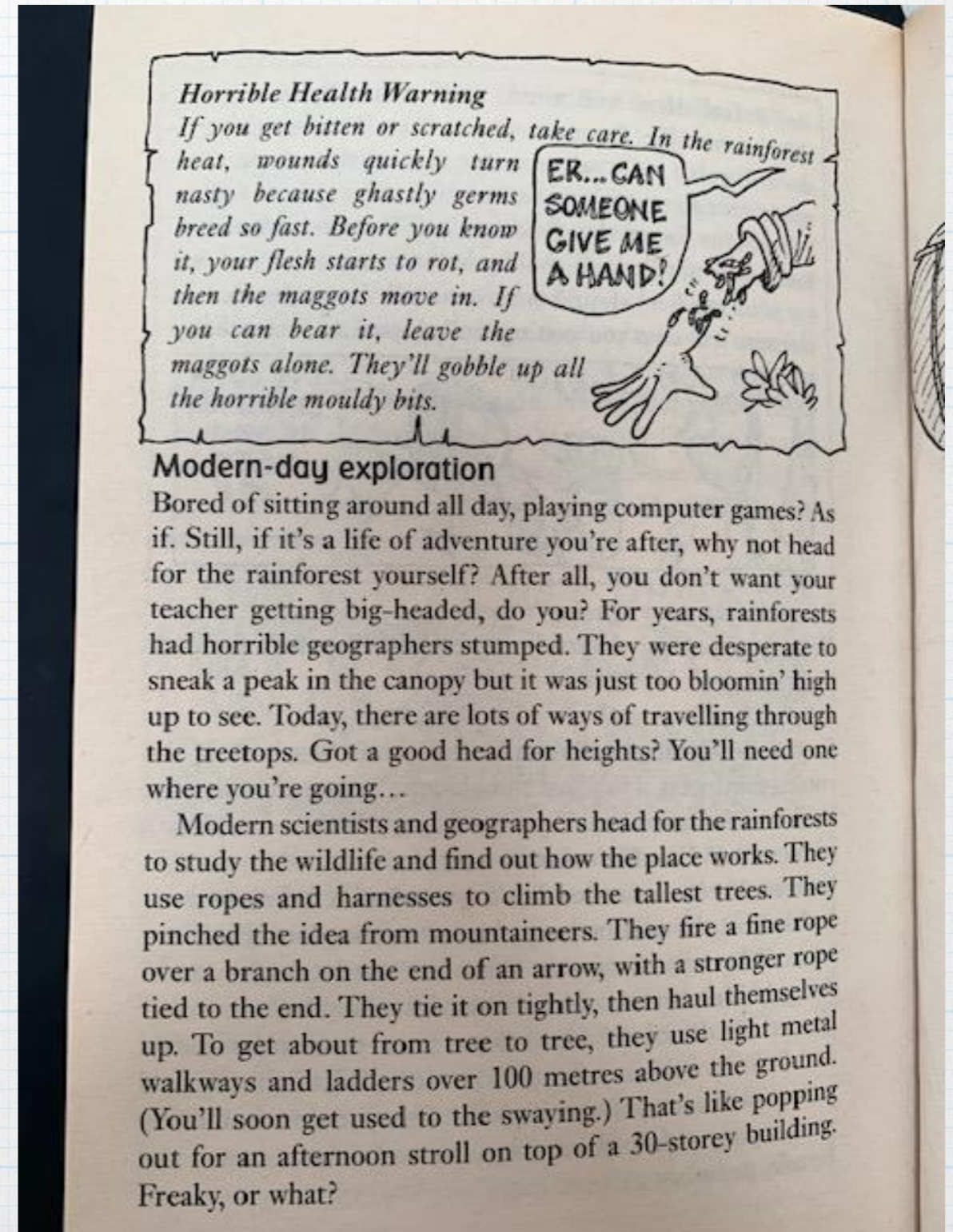


Day 3 Inference

Wednesday 25th March 2020

Task: here is a set of questions for you to answer in your books. Remember to read the text carefully and check any words you don't understand.

1. Explain what might happen to someone who gets injured in the rainforest.
2. Why should the injured person leave the maggots alone?
3. Why do scientists and geographers visit the rainforests?
4. Predict what would happen if modern scientist couldn't reach the treetops.
5. Where did the idea for exploring the treetops originate?
6. Explain how modern explorers move from tree to tree.
7. How do you think they felt when swinging from branch to branch?



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.

ER... CAN 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?