

Day 4 Thursday 26th March 2020

Inference

Task: Now let's go back to the first text for this week and answer some inference questions about it in your books.

- 1. Explain what evaporation is.**
- 2. Why do you think the author says that in the rainforest never rains?**
- 3. According to the author, when does the rain actually stop?**
- 4. How would you feel if you found yourself in a rainforest in the middle of the day?**
- 5. Would it better if the rainforest was a cooler place?**
- 6. Sweating is known to be good for you because it is a natural process of the body to cool down. Is it considered a good feeling out in the rainforest? Why?**
- 7. What can you conclude about a day out in the rainforest?**

What's more, because it's so wet and hot, the rain that falls on the forest trees quickly evaporates (turns into water gas). Then the warm air rises and forms clouds, then it pours with rain all over again. And it never rains but it pours. Sometimes 60 millimetres of rain can fall in one single hour. Which might not sound much, but it would be like having a whole bathful of water emptied over your head! And there's more wet weather on the way. In the afternoon, the sky turns purple black with towering thunderclouds. There's a flash of lightning and a crash of thunder and – hey presto! – a thunderstorm's on its way. Watch out, you're in for a serious soaking.

Horribly humid

Rainforests are horribly hot and sticky because of high humidity. That's the tricky technical term scientists use to talk about the amount of water vapour in the air. (Water vapour's water in gas form.) Warm air can hold more water vapour than cold air. That's why the rainforest feels so bloomin' sticky. It's humidity that makes you sweat like a pig and makes your clothes go horribly green and mouldy. You see, they never get a chance to dry out. So you'll look and smell *really* nice!

