

Finn's Rainforest Adventure

Learning objective: To retrieve and infer information about tropical rainforests.

Read the story below carefully. Use the word bank to help you understand the tricky words. Answer the questions in the spaces provided.

Finn the dolphin is a great explorer. Today, he has swapped the ocean for the lush, green rainforest. Finn is visiting a place near the Equator. He looks up at the tall, thick trees. The air here is very humid and feels like a warm hug. Finn spots a bright, colourful bird flying high above in the canopy. Because it is a tropical rainforest, it rains almost every single day. This makes the forest floor wet and muddy. Many plants and animals live here. Some monkeys swing from branch to branch, while tiny insects crawl on the giant leaves. Finn knows that rainforests are very important for our planet. They help to keep the air clean for everyone to breathe. He loves how green and alive everything looks. Finn decides to draw a map of the forest to show his friends back home. He wants to make sure everyone knows how special these forests are. He reminds himself that we must look after these beautiful places so the animals always have a safe home.

Word bank: Canopy: The thick layer of leaves and branches at the top of the trees. · Equator: An imaginary line around the middle of the Earth. · Humid: When the air feels warm and damp. · Tropical: Very hot and sunny places near the middle of the Earth.

1. Where is the rainforest that Finn is visiting located? (2 marks)

2. How often does it rain in the tropical rainforest? (2 marks)

3. Why do you think the forest floor is wet and muddy? (2 marks)

4. Why might Finn feel that the rainforest is a safe home for many animals? (2 marks)

5. Do you think it is important to protect rainforests? Why? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of the rainforest canopy. Include the tall trees, a colourful bird, and a monkey swinging from a branch.



Extension challenge: Write one sentence about a different habitat you would like Finn to visit next.