

Rainforests Writing Tasks

Diary Entry - A Difficult Dilemma

'Miguel is heading away. Put your head in your hands – if you try to save the plant, he could lose his job and Carmen may suffer. But the hope plant may offer her the only real hope she may have. What should you do?'

What a difficult situation. When you found out that your brother, Miguel, depended on the gold mining company for his income and Carmen depended on him to pay her hospital bills, you felt really conflicted. Write a diary entry explaining your dilemma and how you made your decision about what to do.

You might include:

- contrasting conjunctions such as: even though; on the other hand; however

e.g. 'I know that if the gold company was stopped, the hope plant might be saved *however* that would make it impossible for us to pay any hospital bills'

Remember:

- show both sides of the dilemma
- include powerful adjectives to describe your feelings

Leaflet - Layers of Life

Create a leaflet that explains how the animals and vegetation change through the different layers of the rainforest. Think about your climb to the top of the tree and what you saw and heard. Use the internet to find out about different creatures and plants that thrive in each section.

You might include:

- diagrams
- a glossary to explain topical vocabulary

Remember:

- label diagrams clearly

Report - A Day in the Life of a Rainforest Dweller

You have been asked to write a report to show how it is possible to live sustainably in the rainforest after spending time with Tatui and her fellow villagers.

Think back over your experiences and what you found out about how the villagers made their homes, what they ate and even how the rainforest provided the cure when you were bitten by a snake.

You might include:

- quotes from the villagers
- a map to show the location of the village
- a glossary to explain topical words

Remember:

- an introductory paragraph explaining the key issue

Letter - Save the Rainforest!

'Food, fuel, building materials - the villagers get all these things and more from the rainforest without harming it.'

'Lots of modern medicines use rainforest plants too.'

You have heard rumours that another gold mining company is moving into the rainforest.

Write a letter to the head of the company trying to persuade them not to start chopping down the trees and mining for gold. Remember all you found out about how Tatui and the villagers depend on the rainforest for their survival. Explain what is at stake.

You might include:

- rhetorical questions, bribery, flattery

e.g. What will become of the home that the rainforest dwellers have lived in for hundreds of years? I know an intelligent and caring person such as yourself would never want to destroy this harmonious way of life of so many people.

Remember:

- to use formal language
- e.g. Dear Sir/Madam; yours faithfully

Rainforest Acrostic Poem

'You're inside the rainforest. Wipe your brow - it's hot, damp and dark amongst the dense trees.'

Think about how it felt exploring the rainforest. How did the sights and sounds change at different times of the day and from different perspectives? Think about climbing high above the canopy, or being tangled in the dense vegetation on the forest floor.

Write an **acrostic poem** using the word

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You might include:

- sights and sounds
- how you felt



Remember:

- powerful adjectives, similes and metaphors

e.g. 'Rolling green duvets reach out, enveloping each other'