

Reading answers

Save the Rainforests

- 1) The notes are about what you can find in the rainforest, what the rainforest gives us and what is happening to the rainforest.
- 2) You can find the rainforests in North America and near the equator.
- 3) The rainforests are being cut down to use the timber and make room for people to live.
- 4) West African rainforests have almost disappeared.
- 5) The rainforests give us natural medicines, oxygen and timber.
- 6) Undergrowth means the plants that grow in the lower part of the forest, under the trees.
- 7) Tourists visit places for fun and holidays.
- 8) Dictionary task
- 9) a - Paragraph 1
 - has two-thirds of world's plants and animals
 - tall, leafy trees
 - lack of sunlight = not much undergrowth on floor
- b - Paragraph 2
 - temperate rainforests = away from equator e.g. North America - lots of tourists visit
 - tropical rainforests = near the equator
- c - Paragraph 3
 - gives us many natural medicines
 - gives us timber
 - gives us 28 per cent of world's oxygen
 - absorbs huge amounts of CO₂ - the greenhouse gas
- d - Paragraph 4
 - animals/insects becoming extinct
 - world's rainforests are shrinking
 - almost 90 per cent of West African rainforest gone
 - trees cut down = timber and room for people to live

Reading answers

Cuddly Toys in Space!

1. The children sent Sam into space, with a camera as part of a science experiment.
2. The word 'huge' or the phrase 'much bigger than your average!' suggests that the helium balloon was large.
3. Spring
4. The children felt excited when Sam was released because they cheered.
5. The balloon was designed to burst at a certain altitude (height).
6. He fell slowly because the text used the word 'drifted'.
7. The children are worried because Sam went missing as he fell and they don't know where he landed.