Remember to read throught the text carefully.
Think about the first three questions as you read.
These questions are just thought questions and do not need to be written down.
The questions on the last slide are to be answered.
Remember. you do not need to write the question.
However, you **MUST** include the question in your answer for it to be a fully answered question.

See an example of this on the next page.

Example of a full answer;

Question 1
Why is Daisy writing a journal?

Daisy is writing a journal because she is taking part in a conservation project and keeping a journal of her observations.

Question 2
What is Daisy using to observe the rainforest?

Daisy is using webcams to observe the rainforest.

Term 3 Lesson 3

Guided reading

LI: Consolidating reading skills to understand a text

Daisy's Journal:
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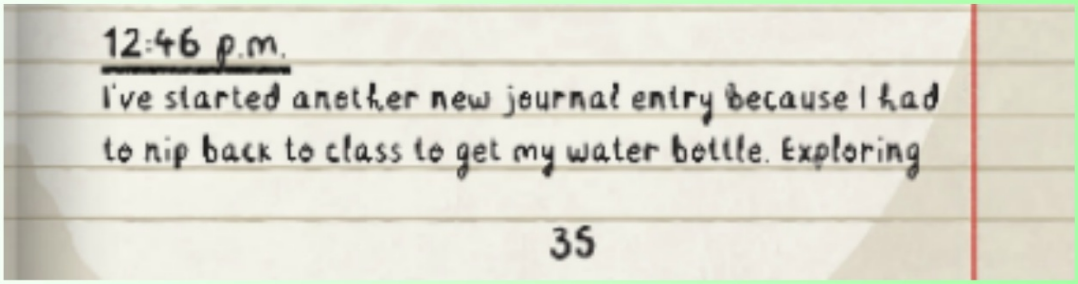
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Mr Paterson's really nosy! He was supposed to be fixing the chair next to mine but he said that my work was much more interesting than his, so he stopped to watch me explore. He says that he wants to go to the rainforest when he retires, to see all the animals. He says that he wants to go to Benidorm, too, but the only creatures that he expects to find there are party animals!

He wanted me to zoom in and find a capuchin monkey. I saw some up in the emergent layer but they probably live a bit higher up than this camera is. Luckily, Mr Paterson loves sloths just as much and he gave me a high five when we found one asleep on a branch. At least, I think it was asleep – it must have been there a long time, too, because it actually had moss growing on its fur!

I didn't know that sloths were so cute – or that they had long claws like a bear's. They don't use them for fighting, though. Mr Paterson said that they're just for climbing and gripping onto trees, and sometimes for scaring away predators. I'd certainly be scared by claws like that.

I wonder if our caretaker went to universe city, because he knows a lot about the rainforest. He even

told me about the illegal loggers. These are the naughty groups who chop down the trees without permission – like Jack Walters, when he goes to the toilet without putting his hand up and asking Mrs Curtis first. Jack says that he has to do it, otherwise he'll have an accident.

Mr Paterson says that it's the same for the illegal loggers – they have to do it, too! Only, they need to chop the trees down for money. It's the only job that they can get and the only way to earn enough to feed and clothe themselves and their families.

Lots of people want them to stop. The rainforest trees help to keep the planet healthy. I read that they soak up tons of carbon dioxide so that the rest of us can breathe safely – so if we chop them down, what happens to us all then?

Also, the conservation charity says that only one percent of all the rainforest plants have been properly studied. Think what we might find in the other ninety-nine percent. What if there are plants that can help our doctors cure flu, or special leaves that could stop the arthritis in my grandma's fingers from hurting her so much when she's gardening? How incredible would that be?!

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Oh, guess what! I saw that funny bird again – the potoo! You'll think that I'm crazy because the rainforest is enormous, but I know that it was the same one as before because it had that heart shape on its chest. It does look very much like a tree stump when it stays still – it's really clever but I spotted its yellow googly eyes, like a couple of bulging egg yolks.

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strangely it started to behave. Do you know. I'm sure that it wanted me to follow it along the tree branches. I had to tap the cursor keys really quickly to keep up but then it just stopped and stared out into space. I don't know what it was looking at because there was nothing there – not even any trees. It was just a gap in the forest about the size of a football pitch. Sunlight flooded the clearing but the bird didn't seem happy. It was flapping its wings like a demented conductor, and hopping up and down on the branch so hard that I thought it might snap. It wailed and wailed so much that I had to turn down the volume. The poor thing – I don't know what was wrong with it!

I wonder if I should mention the potoo to Mrs Curtis. It seems a bit funny that it was there again today. If I was as daft as Jack Walters, I might start to think that it was actually watching me.

Daisy's Canopy Checklist

- [x] Toucans
- [x] Monkeys
- [x] Lizards
- [ ] Harpy Eagles
- [x] Sloth
- [ ] New type of orchid
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After reading the chapter:

1. Why did Daisy have to start a new journal entry this time?
2. What impression does Daisy have of the sloth?
3. Give reasons that Daisy suggests that plants in the rainforest are useful to humans?
4. Does Daisy have a positive or negative impression of the illegal loggers? Give evidence to support your answer.
5. What strange behaviour did the potoo display?