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English question paper 1 insert

Stage 5



Text A

Welcome to the jungle

Monkeys call loudly from giant trees, huge spiders scuttle across your feet, and insects as big as dinner plates buzz around your ears. You're in the jungle!

Where in the world ...

There are three main areas of rainforest. One is in central Africa, another is in Indonesia, but 50% of the world's rainforest is found in South America. Tropical rainforests are found either side of the equator – an imaginary line that circles the globe like a belt. The weather near the equator provides perfect conditions for lush forests to grow.

It's easy to guess the daily weather forecast in the jungle – hot and humid with heavy rain. Some areas of tropical rainforest get a massive 4 m of rain each year and the temperature is always between 24 and 27 °C. Many rivers snake through the jungle, carrying excess rainwater towards the sea.

Animal magic

There is an incredible amount of different animals living in the rainforests. They are mostly very shy, however, and are experts at doing disappearing acts among the leaves. Some animals even change their colours and patterns – larger animals are always looking out for lunch!

Fragile forests

Rainforests help to clean the world's air and water. Jungle plants give us medicines that make us well when we are ill. Rainforests are very important but are shrinking every day – chopped down for land and wood. We need to value these amazing forests, and take care of all the animals that live in them.

Forest facts

- Tropical rainforests only cover a small area of the world (7%).
- Over half the world's wildlife lives in the rainforests.
- The largest area of tropical rainforest is the Amazon jungle in South America.
- Jungle soil is shallow, only 10 cm deep, yet some of the tallest trees in the world grow in it.

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Text B

Dear Mrs Lopez, Director of O&L Foods,

I recently became aware that your company is using cardboard packaging produced from rainforest trees. It is well known that rainforests are important to the world and that we should be protecting them. However, your company is adding to their devastating destruction, which is unacceptable.

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Rainforests are precious. The world **cannot** survive without them. Are you aware of just how quickly our rainforests are disappearing? No? In fact, an area the size of a football pitch is disappearing as you read this sentence! What is this doing to the world? Well, the loss of the rainforests is causing our climate to change rapidly – causing droughts in some areas of the world and flooding in others. This is resulting in many people losing their homes, crops and way of life. Furthermore, the rainforests are home to many other living things. Some rainforest animals – such as tigers and orangutans – are nearly extinct because their habitats are disappearing. We are even losing plants that could be helpful for curing serious diseases.

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For all these reasons, I really think you should reconsider where your company gets its cardboard from. You should start using products from sustainable forests* and therefore show the world that you are a responsible and caring company. It could mean the end of the world as we know it unless you act now!

Yours sincerely,

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Dana Ottoson

*sustainable forests – forests where trees that are cut down are replaced.

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