



Year 3 - Pack 1 - Writing

Exploration

Day 1. Start by watching this Youtube clip: <https://cutt.ly/2yv1v0q> Discover Narnia with Lucy.

Would you believe me if I told you that I have a wardrobe that takes me to magical places? I have been a jungle explorer for many years. I have explored the Cloud Jungle in Peru, the wild jungles of Borneo and even the Ancient Waipoua Forest in New Zealand. However, six years ago, I bought a beautiful wardrobe at a market and when I got it home, I discovered that it was not just beautiful, but magical too! Every week, on a Sunday evening, if I step into the wardrobe, I'm transported to a magical jungle that is out of this world. Come and discover these new lands with me! Exploring jungles is very exciting. Every time I go through my wardrobe and discover a new one, I write in my 'Jungle Log'. It is a bit like a diary and it is where I write down what has happened on my visits.



Day 1. Read my entry from my visit to the Atlanti Jungle in Oreno, an amazing place where the sky is yellow and the soil pink (see attached below)

<https://www.talk4writing.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Y3-Jungle.pdf>

Jungle Log: 18th April, 2020 Today has been an amazing day of discovery! I woke early and got ready for my trek into the Atlanti Jungle. I was excited and couldn't wait to see what lay ahead of me. I packed my rucksack and put on my sturdy walking boots. I made sure my camera was working because I wanted to record as much of the day as possible. I left the camp at 6am. First, I trudged through the dense forest and collected samples of the plant life. My favourite was a thorny bush. It had tiny, yellow flowers growing on it, which smelt like ice cream! Next, I studied some of the mesmerising insects that were crawling up the rough bark of every tree. One insect looked like a caterpillar but had 2 sets of wings and tiny hands on the ends of its 20 legs. Excitedly, I photographed as many creatures as I could because I wanted to show my explorer friends what I had discovered. After a short tea break, I measured the circumference of the tallest trees to work out how old they were. One measured 10 metres around and was so tall that I couldn't see the top of it. It reminded me of the beanstalk in a famous children's story. Next, I trekked to a clearing and found a beautiful plunge pool. The water was turquoise and tiny neon fish were splashing on the surface. I tried to catch

one, but they were too fast for me. Then it was time for a rest. I lounged on pink grass, soaking up the purple sun beams and listened to the strange jungle noises around me. Finally, I headed back to camp because the sun began to set. It sets quickly in Oreno and I was worried I might get lost. When I got to my tent, I unpacked my rucksack and stored my plant samples safely. I'm really looking forward to where my wardrobe will take me next week!

Day 2. ★ Read my diary again. Underline any other words you don't know the meaning of. Can you find out what they mean? You could ask someone else in your home to tell you, use a dictionary or search the internet. Write your definitions out on a separate piece of paper and try to use them in a sentence. What can you remember now? ★ Underline the correct definition of the words below. Does mesmerising mean 'something that is boring' or 'something that is really exciting'? Is turquoise close to the colour blue or close to the colour red? Does trek mean 'to run quickly' or 'to go on a difficult journey'? Does discovery mean 'something you do all the time' or 'finding something for the first time'? ★ Challenge: Now write some sentences using any of our new words. I have done one for you: *The sky looked turquoise this morning.*

Day 3. Write a list poem

10 things in an explorer's rucksack Here's a poem I wrote when I got back from exploring Atlanti. It's a list poem and it is all the magical things I'd like to find in my rucksack. *10 Things in an Explorer's Rucksack A sizzling sun beam scorching the sky, The sound of rain splashing on mud, A rhino's footprint, A hat made of stars, 10000 leaf skeletons glittering in the wind, The sweetest fruit from an ice cream tree, A never-ending flapjack, The smell of jungle clouds, A feather from a Soupee bird, A pair of very sore feet. ©Maria Richards*

Now have a go at writing your own list poem. What magical things would you like to find in your rucksack when you go exploring? ★ Try to make your items sound exciting by using alliteration – where words start with the same sound e.g. sizzling sun, lazy lion, towering trees ★ Use precise, powerful verbs that show things in a more exciting way e.g. scorching, splashing, glittering ★ Choose unusual things to add to your bag. Be as inventive as you can e.g. a hat made of stars, boots made of spider webs ★ Exaggerate things. Make them: the biggest, the tallest, the sweetest, the fastest ★ Invent new things e.g. a Soupee bird, the smell of clouds

Days 4 & 5 Write instructions on How to catch a Soupee bird

Our final mission: studying a Soupee bird! In my poem, I had the feather from a Soupee bird. I'd love to photograph one for my collection, but they are very shy creatures and always hide away. However, I have a cunning plan that would allow me to see one up close! Here are the instructions: Listen to a recording of the text below here: <https://soundcloud.com/talkforwriting/soupee/s-NGvL24j8TWf>

How to uncover a Soupee bird.

Are you mesmerised by the rare Soupee bird? Would you love to photograph this magnificent creature up close? If so, read on to find out how! What you need: • A long rope • A net full of chocolate buttons • Classical music (saved on your phone or iPod) • Perfume that smells like flowers • Dry leaves from the jungle • A good camera What you do: 1. First, trek deep into the jungle where the trees are dense. Always make sure you wear sturdy boots to do this. 2. Next, choose a tree with a wide trunk and loop your rope over the lowest branch. 3. After that, carefully tie your net of chocolate buttons to both ends of the rope so it hangs from the branch. Check the knot is tight. 4. Then, crouch behind the tree, spray yourself with the perfume and cover your hat with leaves. This will camouflage you. 5. As soon as you are hidden, play the classical music. 16 © Talk for Writing 6. Next, wait patiently. The Soupee will be so tempted by the aroma of chocolate buttons and the beautiful sound of the classical music, it will leave its hiding place. It will discover the buttons and will peck at them whilst enjoying the music. 7. Finally, peek around the tree and take your chance to photograph the bird. Make sure you are really quiet or you will scare it away. 8. Now you have your precious photograph! Warning: Never use white chocolate buttons as they might attract giant jungle pythons.

Now write your instructions

. Let's imitate the language and structure of mine to help you write yours.

★ Ask 2 questions to introduce the instructions: Are you mesmerised by the rare Soupee bird? Would you love to photograph this magnificent creature up close?

★ Use fronted adverbials to order the steps for the reader: First, trek deep into the jungle where the trees are dense. Next, wait patiently.

★ Tell your reader what to do by using bossy, imperative verbs: trek deep into the jungle, peek around the tree, choose a tree with a wide trunk, play the classical music

★ Extend detail with a sentence of 3 things: Then, crouch behind the tree, spray yourself with the perfume and cover your hat with leaves

★ Round off with a warning: Never use ... Beware ... Do not ...

Days 6 & 7 Write a story where your main character has an adventure in a magical jungle. Use a story pattern that you know or use this basic structure: Once upon a time, ... One day, ... Unfortunately, ... Luckily, ... In the end, ...

Day 8. Write a letter to a friend telling them about your exploring. Ask them to plan a trip with you.

Days 9 & 10 Imagine it is now next week and you have yet again climbed through your magical wardrobe. Spend the next two days writing a journal log. Try and include all of these key words.

| Word: | Definition: |
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| discovery | something that is found or learned for the first time |
| trek | a long, challenging journey on foot |
| sturdy | strong and solid |
| trudge | to walk slowly |
| circumference | the distance around something circular |
| dense | packed together with not much space around |
| mesmerising | something that holds your complete attention |
| turquoise | a greenish-blue colour |