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A Walk Through the Rainforest

By Anita N. Amin

Emma and her brother, Alex, took a walk with Grandpa through the woods behind their house. Bamboo trees creaked in the summer breeze. Only a few patches of blue sky showed through the canopy of green leaves overhead.

"Let's pretend we're in a rainforest," Emma said. "Maybe we'll see a rainforest animal." She studied the carpet of tangled ivy, moss, and crumbled leaves for any sign



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They chased after Nina's frog. Finally, Nina caught her frog and popped it back in its jar. Nina joined Emma and Alex. They kept exploring.

A moment later, Alex cried, "Look! A rainforest bird!"

"That bird has a tiny roll of paper tied to one of its legs—just like Rosie's pigeon," Emma said.

"It is my pigeon!" Rosie said behind them. She was on a walk with her dad. "It's taking a note to my aunt down the street."

They watched the bird fly away.

Rosie joined Emma, Alex, and Nina. They kept exploring.

Meow. Ruff, ruff.

"Look!" Alex cried. "A rainforest cat and dog!"

An orange kitten streaked past them, chased by a dog with brown spots.

Their friends, Anna and Ian, ran onto the path.

"Kitty!" Anna cried, chasing after her kitten.

"Sir Wags-a-Lot!" Ian cried, chasing after his dog.

Finally, Anna caught her kitten and Ian caught his dog.

Anna and Ian joined Emma, Alex, Nina, and Rosie. They kept exploring. They didn't find more animals but they had fun pretending.



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1. Where does the story take place?
 - a. in a tropical rainforest
 - b. in Rosie's backyard
 - c. in the woods behind Emma and Alex's house
 - d. at a campsite owned by Emma and Alex's Grandpa
2. According to the reading passage, what do Emma and Alex decide to do to make their ordinary nature walk more interesting?



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or her on the right.

Ian

Finnigan

Rosie

Kitty

Nina

Sir Wags-a-Lot

Anna

Pigeon

5. Who are the two grown-ups in the story that join the children for their nature walk?

_____ and _____

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Match each vocabulary word from the story, "A Walk Through the Rainforest," with the correct definition.



_____ 1. bamboo

a. a coin worth twenty-five cents

_____ 2. pretend

b. a stout gray and white bird that eats fruit or seeds



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_____ 6. moss

f. wandering around; investigating an unfamiliar area

_____ 7. crumbled

g. a gentle wind

_____ 8. quarter

h. crushed; broken up

_____ 9. aunt

i. use your imagination

_____ 10. exploring

j. the uppermost trees and branches in a rainforest that form a thick layer overhead

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In the story, "A Walk Through the Rainforest," Emma, Alex, and their friends go on a nature walk and pretend they are walking through a tropical rainforest.



On the lines below, tell about a time when you went on a nature walk. Where did you go? Who was with you? What did you **see**, **hear**, **smell**, **touch**, or **taste**? Use as many details as you can. Write your answer using complete sentences.



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ANSWER KEY

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1. Where does the story take place? **c**

a. in a tropical rainforest



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Grandpa and Rosie's dad

