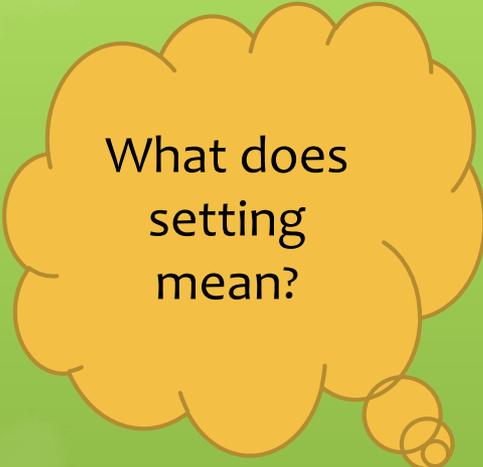
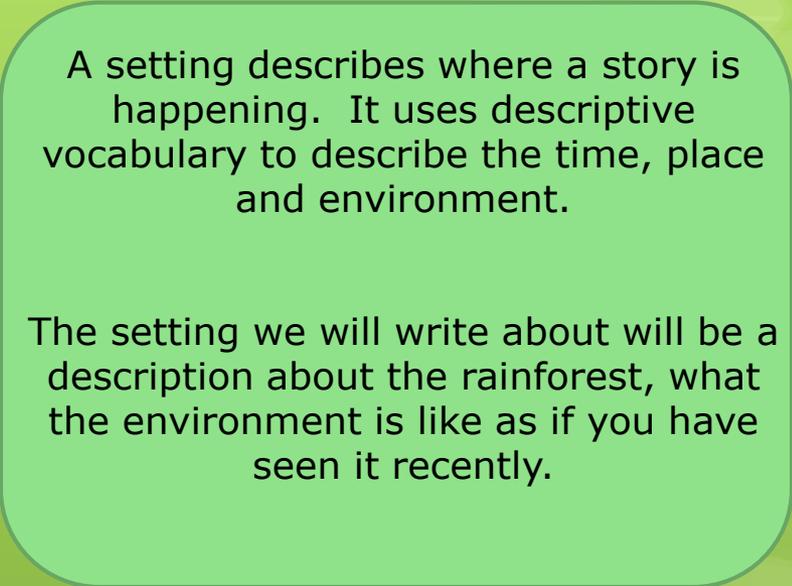


Your writing objective, this week, is to write a descriptive setting about the Amazon Rainforest. You will need to have watched the video clip to understand what the rainforest is like (the link is shown on your Literacy Grid but is also on the Amazon Rainforest sheet. Make sure you have completed the Amazon Rainforest task before you start this one. Then look carefully at the following pages. You need to plan your writing so let's look at this first.



What does
setting
mean?



A setting describes where a story is happening. It uses descriptive vocabulary to describe the time, place and environment.

The setting we will write about will be a description about the rainforest, what the environment is like as if you have seen it recently.

What will help us to describe the setting?



What I
can see



What I
can hear



What I
can touch



What I
can smell



What I
can taste

To do this, you need to imagine that you have been to the Amazon Rainforest. If you have watched the video clip this should help you.

shiny

glittering



swooping

rushing



soaring

croaking

slithering

colourful

bright

squawking

colossal

gushing

murky

dark

chattering

Five senses adjectives that might help.

pungent

scaly

slimy

fragrant

sweet

humid

fresh



smooth



sharp

juicy

rough

Planning my descriptive setting. This is on separate document for you to print if you would prefer or you can make your own on a separate piece of paper.

LO: I can plan a descriptive setting to describe my first impressions of the Amazon Rainforest

Write what you 'saw' in the Amazon Rainforest. Think back to the video that you have already watched. Think of adjectives that best describe what you 'saw'. This should help you write some expanded noun phrases for each. Also include any other words that might be useful. Maybe include a simile.

I can write a descriptive setting about the Amazon Rainforest.

So, now that you have thought about some super descriptive vocabulary, it is time to get on with writing your setting.

Remember: You are only writing a description of the rainforest. (We are not writing a story).

We cannot say exactly how long your writing needs to be.

However, we do not think you need to write more than half a page of A4.

We are looking for quality writing that vividly describes the rainforest using each of the 5 senses.

What are we looking for?

I have used descriptive vocabulary throughout my setting.

I have used each sense in my writing.



I have used expanded noun phrases throughout my writing.

Here's an idea of the writing style for your setting.

Can you spot the expanded noun phrases?

How many senses have been used so far?

Deep in the dark Amazon rainforest, the glittering sun warmed my skin. With the humidity rising, I hurriedly sipped some fresh water from the rushing river. The gentle wind blew in my hair. All around me were curious creatures, great and small, darting in and out of the dense vegetation. Chattering monkeys swung from tree to tree and lazy leopards languished in the cooler undergrowth.

Editing

When your writing is complete, it is time for you to edit. Use a different coloured pen to show your changes, just like you do in school, but it doesn't have to be a purple pen.

What I need to check for	
I have used descriptive vocabulary throughout my setting.	
I have used each sense in my writing.     	
I have used expanded noun phrases throughout my writing.	
Remember relative clauses? Is there a place where you could include one.	
I have used capital letters and full stops accurately throughout my writing.	
I have checked spelling using a dictionary or on-line dictionary.	

This is also on a word document for you to use if you prefer.
Or you can just refer to this one.

We would like you to present your final piece in an attractive way. Of course, we expect your very best handwriting but what else are we looking for?

You could create a page border with rainforest plants or animals (or both).

You could draw a picture of rainforest and colour it faintly so that you can write over it.

Your aim is to create a piece of writing, illustrated in an attractive way, showing the amazing features of the rainforest.

Your final piece of writing

