Jungle Jitters

**TASK ONE – Read pgs. 1-17 and answer the following questions. Then read chapters three and four.**

Vocab:

1. On page 2, it says a *quebrada* is a creek. But what is a creek?

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1. What does *enticing* mean on page 8?

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1. What synonym could be used instead of the word *coaxed* on page 10?

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1. What are *plantains?*

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Retrieval:

1. Why did the narrator, Dre and Noelle get to go to Peru with Mrs Gallagher’s husband?

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1. Why did the freshwater barracuda attack Armando?

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1. Why did the boys who were paddling in a hollowed-out tree stare at them in the boat?

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1. How could the narrator tell the kids weren’t from the area on page 9?

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1. What creeped out the narrator about the fish on page 11?

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Inference:

1. What do you think it means when it says ‘Dre’s attention was glued to the screen of his Dad’s old camera’ on page 1?

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1. Why do you think Noelle laughed nervously on page 4?

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1. Why do you think Noelle twisted her hair around her finger and Dre cleared his throat on page 16?

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**Y6 CHALLENGE QUESTIONS**

1. On page 4, why do you think *lap-lapped* is written in italics?

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1. What do you think Maria means when she says ‘*find herself’* when talking about her mum on page 10?

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1. One page 12, the word *way* is italicized. Why do you think this is?

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**TASK TWO – Read pgs. 30-17 and answer the following questions. Then read chapter eight.**

Vocab:

1. What synonym could be used instead of the word *shuffled* on page 34?

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1. What does *gushed* mean in the context it is written on page 45?

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1. What does *scraggly* mean on page 48?

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Retrieval:

1. Why did the narrator’s stomach feel hollow on page 31?

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1. What happened after the narrator peered into the tree to see the bat on page 35?

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1. What was unfortunate about the tree in the middle of the path on page 36?

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1. What did they need to do to help if the boat got stuck on a rock on page 44?

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1. Why did the others call the narrator *Tate*?

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Inference:

1. What do you think it means when it says the questions had been *preying* on him on page 34?

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1. Why do you think Mr Gallagher was drumming his fingers on the seat in front of him on page 43?

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1. Why do you think Armando’s eyes open wide on page 46?

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**Y6 CHALLENGE QUESTIONS**

1. Why do you think the author has used the word *pulsed* on page 49?

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1. Explain what it means when the word *panned* is used on page 50?

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1. Make a prediction about what you think is going to happen next.

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