

Asking Questions

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A **key detail** is an important piece of information. Asking and answering questions can help you find key details.



Here is how you find key details:

- ▶ Ask a question. Begin the question with one of these words:

Who	What	When
Where	Why	How

- ▶ Look for the answer to your question. You can find it in the words or in the text features.

When you ask questions about what you read, answering your questions helps you understand the text.



Drip, Drop, Roots on Top

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You are in a rainforest. The air is warm.
Rain falls hard and fast. Soon, the rain stops.
But the air still feels wet. Will it rain again? Yes,
it will. This is life in the rainforest.



A rainy day in a rainforest



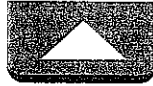
Drip Tips and Raincoats

Have you ever been soaked by the rain?
Your clothes get wet. You need to dry off!

Plants need to dry off, too. Plants can die if they get too much rain. Drip tips can help. A drip tip is a pointy end on a leaf. Rain drips off the pointy part. The leaf dries off.

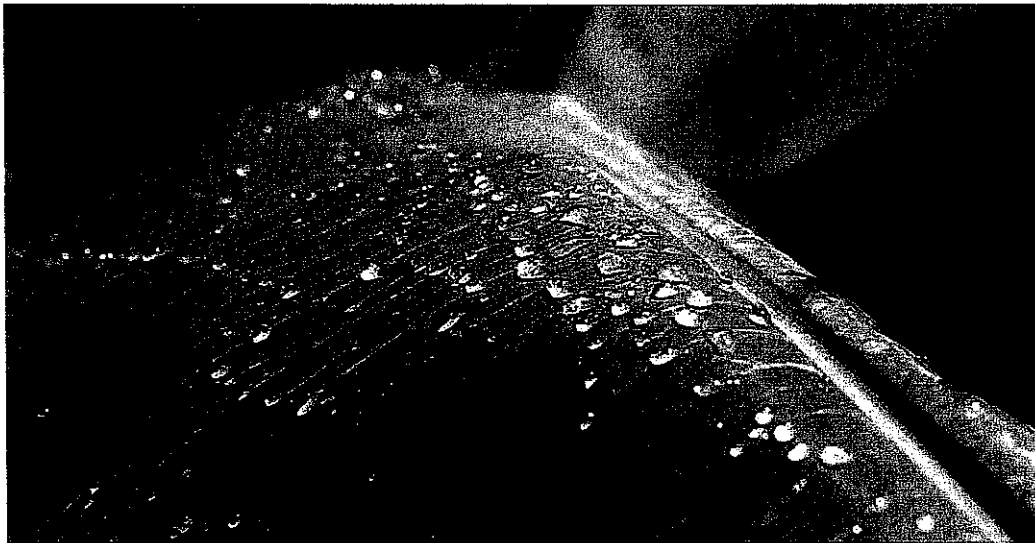


Leaves with pointy drip tips



You can wear a raincoat to stay dry. Some plant leaves make a waxy coating. This coating is like a raincoat. It stops water from soaking into the leaf.

Splat, splat, splat! Rain falls. The drops roll across the smooth, shiny coating. They slip and slide off the leaf. The leaf dries off.



Raindrops rolling off a waxy coating





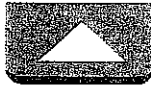
Roots Get Food

Many plants have roots below the ground. The roots grow far down. They are hard to see.

The roots absorb, or soak up, food from the soil. The food is from dead plants and insects. The dead things fall apart and sink deep into the soil.



Roots below ground



In a rainforest, roots peek out of the dirt. Some roots even stay above the ground. Why?

Roots stay on or near the top because the food is there. Dead plants and bugs wash away before they can sink into the soil. Roots need to stay on top of the soil to absorb this food.



Roots above ground



Trees and plants live with a lot of rain in the rainforest. Plants stay dry with drip tips and waxy coatings. Roots soak up food before it washes away. Plants and trees survive in their rainy, rainforest home.



Plants and trees in a rainforest

Question 1 (for p. 1 of passage)

Which picture shows what the weather is like in a rainforest?



Question 2 (for p. 2 of passage)

Which sentence tells how drip tips help a plant?

- a. Drip tips help rain soak the leaf.
- b. Drip tips are pointy ends of the leaf.
- c. Drip tips help water fall off the leaf.

Question 3 (for p. 3 of passage)

How do a leaf's coating and tip help the plant survive in the rain?

- a. They dry off the plant.
- b. They slip and slide off the leaf.
- c. They stop rain from falling on the plant.

Question 4 (for p. 4 of passage)

What does the word **absorb** mean?

- a. fall apart
- b. grow down
- c. take in

Question 5 (for p. 5 of passage)

Why do roots grow above the ground in the rainforest? Complete the sentence.

Roots above the ground can get food before _____ moves it away.

- a. the soil
- b. a forest
- c. the rain

Question 6 (for p. 6 of passage)

How do roots on top help a plant survive in the rain?

- a. They get food deep in the soil.
- b. They wash away with the rain.
- c. They absorb food on the ground.