

People of the Rainforest

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32 She merely wore a skirt made from reeds and leaves and
43 a simple cloth headband to keep the hair from her eyes.
52 We watched as she toddled towards the river – unsteady
64 on her feet but far steadier than we were. It was clear
70 that she knew this rainforest well.

82 In the river stood a man with a bow and arrow made
91 from forest vines. He stood knee-high in the flowing
100 torrents, aiming towards the water as silently as a
110 cheetah stalking its prey. With no hesitation, he let the
120 arrow fly and from beneath the water, he retrieved a
130 humongous tilapia. He passed it to the little girl who
135 scurried away amongst the trees.



Questions



1. What **two** things was the girl wearing?

- _____
- _____



2. '**He stood knee-high in the flowing torrents...**'

What do you think 'torrents' means in this sentence?

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3. What do you think a **tilapia** is? Give a reason for your answer.

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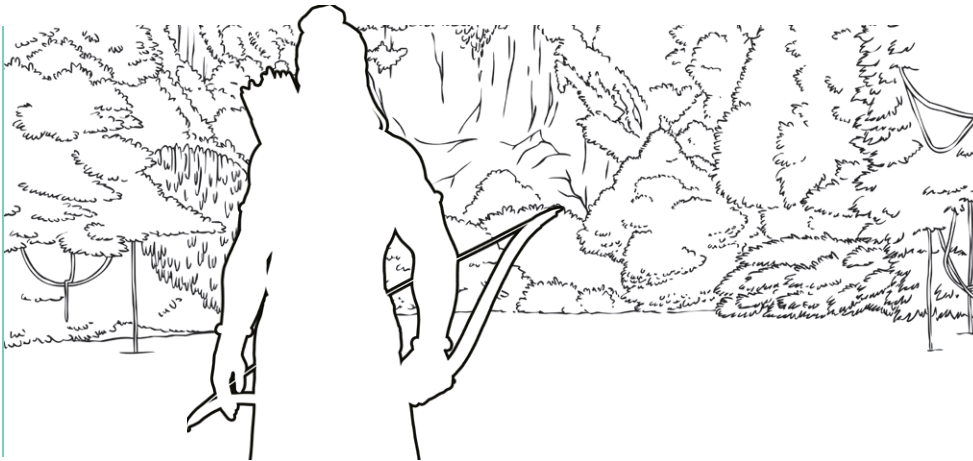
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Answers



1. What **two** things was the girl wearing?
Accept: 'skirt' and 'headband'.



2. **'He stood knee-high in the flowing torrents...'**
What do you think 'torrents' means in this sentence?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think torrents means the river is moving quickly and the current of the water is very strong.



3. What do you think a **tilapia** is? Give a reason for your answer.

Accept answers which infer that it is a fish or a river-dwelling creature, such as: I think it is a fish as it says 'he caught it in the river'.



4. How do you think the girl's clothing compares to that of the explorers?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that the girl's clothing is very different from the explorers' clothing as they are made from natural materials which have come from the rainforest.