

Monday 14th February

LO: Vocabulary

1. Read the poem with a partner.
2. Underline all the verbs that are used to describe what the rainforest is doing.
3. Look up any words that you are unsure of the meaning of in a dictionary and record the definition in your book e.g. exuberant, draped, bedecked, bromeliads, harmonies, enchant, wretched

The rainforest doesn't talk.
It doesn't need to.
It whispers
With a thousand leaves,
"I am at peace."
It pulses
With the steady flow of waterfalls, rivers and creeks,
"I am alive."
It cries
With the shrieks of parrots, monkeys and eagles,
"I can feel pain."
It sparkles
With a million brilliant flowers,
"I am exuberant."
Its giant pillars draped in vines and bedecked with bromeliads,
Touch the sky and say,
"I am ancient."
A golden leaf slowly floating down inside its green cathedral,
Whispers,
".....a holy place."
Its thousand harmonies of tropical birds promise,
"I will enchant you."
But all of these whispers, pulses, cries and songs,
Fall dead and silent
In the terrible stillness after each tree
Is ripped away from its roots.
Then there is nothing but the wretched buzz of flies,
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It doesn't need to.
If only we would listen...

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The rainforest doesn't need to talk as the sights and sounds of the animals shrieking, the plants sparkling and water pulsing show what an amazing place it is and that it is alive.

2. Why do you think the poet has chosen the only sound left being 'the wretched buzz of flies'.

It suggests the rainforest is dead by using the image of flies as they often buzz around dead animals.

3. What does the final line 'If only we would listen mean?'

We need to listen to what is happening to the rainforest and do something about it.