A Night in the Rainforest

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: The **setting** is **where** and **when** a story happens. Authors use details you can **see, hear, smell and feel** to help you picture it.

Look for: place words, time words and sense words.

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The sun had just set over the Costa Rican rainforest when Kai and his mom stepped onto the wooden walkway outside their lodge. The air was warm and sticky, like a bathroom after a hot shower.

Kai switched on his flashlight. Giant leaves, bigger than umbrellas, dripped with water from the afternoon rain. The ground smelled like wet soil and sweet flowers.

The forest was louder at night than it had been all day. Frogs croaked and whistled from every direction. Insects buzzed and clicked. Somewhere high in the trees, a howler monkey let out a deep, rumbling roar that made Kai grab his mom's arm.

"Look," Mom whispered, pointing her light at a branch. A tiny frog with bright red eyes and a lime-green body clung to a leaf. Its orange toes were spread out like little suction cups.

As they walked on, Kai noticed tiny green lights blinking between the trees. "Fireflies," Mom said softly.

Back in the lodge, Kai lay in bed listening to the frogs' song and the patter of rain beginning again on the roof. At home, nights were quiet. Here, the whole forest seemed to wake up when the sun went down.

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Circle the best answer.

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2. When does the story take place?

(a) Early in the morning
(b) At night, just after sunset
(c) At lunchtime

3. Which detail describes how the air felt?

(a) Warm and sticky, like a bathroom after a hot shower
(b) Cold and snowy
(c) Dry and dusty

4. Which sound made Kai grab his mom's arm?

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2. Write your answer

Answer in complete sentences. Use details from the text.

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Sample answers. Students' wording will vary.

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   He heard frogs croaking and whistling, and a howler monkey roaring.
2. **How is the rainforest at night different from Kai's home at night?**
   At home, nights are quiet. In the rainforest, the forest is loud and full of animal sounds.
3. **Which detail helps you picture the setting best? Why?**
   Giant leaves bigger than umbrellas dripping with water, because it shows how big and wet the forest is.