

Language Activity 1

Read the passage and answer all the questions that follow.

TEXT A

1. We invaded their jungle world, sporting walking sticks and wearing hiking boots. They didn't seem perturbed.
2. Then we cut down their greenery – their bread and butter – for better access. They took little notice. They stopped and stared for ages. It didn't appear to bother them.
3. We took scores of photographs at close range. No problem.
4. The mountain gorillas of the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest in Uganda are inscrutable. They are jewels of the jungle that envelopes parts of the country as well as neighbouring Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The environment suites them perfectly.
5. Sadly, the central African jungles are threatened – as are the world's last remaining mountain gorillas that inhabit them – by man's encroachment in all its invasive forms. To rescue the gorillas, the jungles must be saved and the tsunami of poachers plugged.
6. The 500 km-plus drive from Kampala to Bwindi took a long, hard, bonecrunching 11 hours. There were hectic roadworks and a surfeit of speed humps to disrupt the trip etc. Jungle Safaris Africa took us there in a robust 4x4, which eased the pain substantially.
7. Up hills and into valleys, the journey perched us about 1 800m above sea level, looking down on sheer drops into mist-filled jungle-type vegetation. It was exciting, attention-grabbing stuff – but the best of times lay ahead.

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Questions

The questions are numbered according to the paragraphs on which they are based, e.g.

1.1 is based on paragraph 1.

1.1 Provide a suitable synonym for “sporting”.

1.2 Name the part of speech to which “their” belongs.

1.3 Why is “No problem” NOT a finite sentence?

1.4.1 Provide a homophone for “gorilla”.

1.4.2 There is a spelling error. Correct it.

1.5 What is conveyed by the use of the collective noun in, “the tsunami of poachers”?

1.6.1 Write out etc. in full.

1.6.2 Etc. is an example of an ...

A abbreviation.

B acronym.

C initialism.

D anagram.

1.7 What is the function of the hyphens in this sentence?