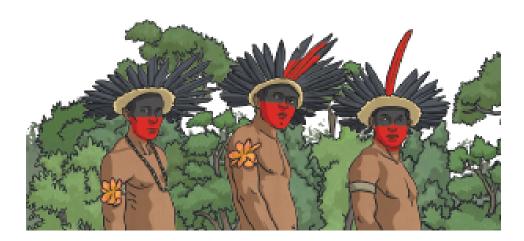
People of the Rainforest

- 10 We stumbled on them much by chance spotting a young
- 21 girl, no older than four, through the clearing in the trees.
- 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.



Quick Questions



What two things was the girl wearing?



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



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



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