

# People of the Rainforest

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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



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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?  
**Accept any answer which relates to a body of water moving quickly or the water's strength being great.**



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 provided that a reasonable justification is provided, such as 'he caught it in the river'.**



4. How do you think the girl's clothing compares to that of the explorers?  
**Accept any reasonable comparison between her lack of clothing and what it is made from, compared to their presumable hiking clothing made from modern, western fabrics.**