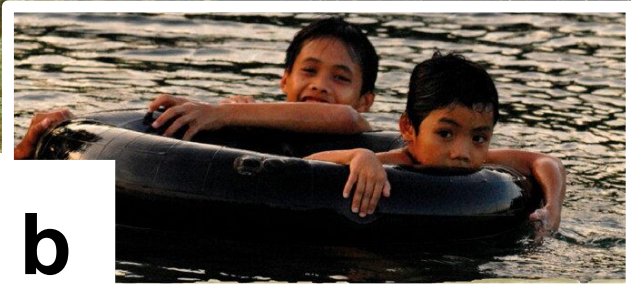


A vibrant photograph of a tropical forest. In the foreground, a river flows over dark, mossy rocks, creating a small waterfall. The background is filled with dense green foliage, including large trees with thick trunks and hanging vines. Sunlight filters through the canopy, creating a dappled light effect. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is overlaid on the upper half of the image, containing the text "dangerous journeys".

dangerous journeys

Reading comprehension

Look at the photos.
Why do these children have to go to a
dangerous journey?



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Read the introduction to the text and find out!

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Reading Strategy

When you match sentences to texts, make sure the whole sentence matches the information in the text. Do not just look for one or two words that are in the text and the sentence.

C

It's very different ...

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B

a

D

2

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3

Students in Minh Hoa in Vietnam have to cross a river on their way to and from school every day. There are no bridges or boats, so the children swim. They put their books and clothes in **large** plastic bags so they do not get **wet**. The bags also help the children to stay safe in the water (the water is 20 metres deep). When they reach the other side, they take their **dry** clothes out of the bag and put them on.

4

Near Bogotá, the capital of Colombia, some children have to cross a large valley to get to school. At the bottom of the valley is the Rio Negro, a huge river. There is only one way to cross the valley: on a zip wire. That's a metal rope, 800 metres long and 400 metres above the river. The journey is very fast. In fact, it only takes about one minute! **Small** children cannot travel across the valley alone, so their brother or sister puts them in a bag!

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Read the text again. Answer the questions.



Which group of children ...

- A sometimes put a family member inside a bag?
- B cannot use the bridge across the river?
- C travel very fast?
- D have to swim across a river?
- E have to walk along a dangerous path?
- F have a long walk as part of their journey to school?
- G travel to school with their head teacher?

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Put the adjectives in the text into pairs of opposites

narrow

small

dangerous

wet

wide

large

safe

dry

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jungle



2

valley



3

path



4

boat



5

mountain



6

bridge



7

river



8

rope

Match the words and the pictures.

boat

bridge

jungle

mountain

river

rope

path

valley

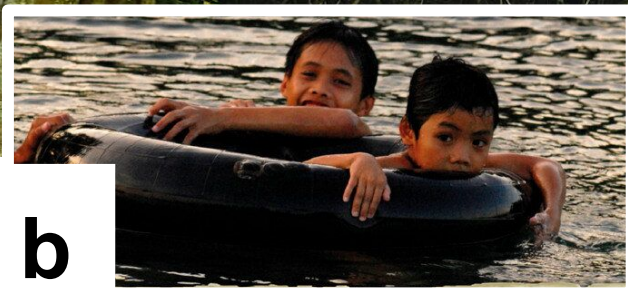
A lush tropical forest scene with a river and a waterfall. The background is a dense green forest with sunlight filtering through the trees. In the foreground, a river flows over rocks, creating a small waterfall. The text is overlaid on a white rectangular box with a brown border.

Complete the questions about the text using the question words below.

how how many what where which who why

- 1 In which country is Banpo Elementary School?
- 2 who walks with the children on the mountain path?
- 3 how high is the rope across the river in Sumatra?
- 4 how many children have to walk across the rope?
- 5 where is Minh Hoa?
- 6 why do the children in Minh Hoa have to swim across the river?
- 7 what is the name of the river near Bogotá?

Now you speak!
How do these children get to school?



A lush tropical forest scene with a river and a waterfall. The foreground shows a river flowing over large, dark rocks, creating a small waterfall. The background is filled with dense green foliage and trees, with sunlight filtering through the canopy. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is overlaid in the center of the image, containing the text "Great Job!".

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