

Tuesday – Week 4

ANSWERS

Read or watch The Explorer chapter 21 – 'Fishing In The Dark' (P282-389) Where possible use quotes from the text.

Answer the following questions:

1. What does Max ask if he can eat? (pg 282)

He asks if he can eat 'a handful of grass'.

2. How does Fred describe Max's appearance? (pg 284)

He describes Max as 'growing thin' and says that even though Lila tried to 'make him look cared for' he was dirty.

3. What will they be using to catch the fish? (pg 285)

The explorer tells them to 'spend the day making spears' to use for fishing.

4. Why do they carry torches of fire when fishing? (pg 292)

'In the glow of the flames, pairs of red lights flitted and flashed' The torches help them to spot the fish.

5. What is The Explorer fixing? (pg 297/298)

He is fixing the canopy of the jungle that he destroyed when his plane crashed. He is planting trees and cutting away dead ones.

6. What happened to The Explorer's wife and son? (pg 301)

The both died. His wife 'died of measles' which she caught from Englishmen. His son died of Cholera.

7. Fred and the Explorer have a conversation that bring them closer and help them to understand each other. Do you agree or disagree and why?

I agree because they get to understand each other better and appreciate what the other has been through. Fred has a difficult relationship with his dad and The Explorer's wife and son died.

8. What does Fred swear? (pg 302/303)

Fred swears 'not to tell anyone about this place'.

9. "You don't need a jungle to be an explorer. Every human on earth is an explorer." What do you think The Explorer means by this?

I think that he means we can all have adventures if we are brave and look for them by paying attention (THIS CAN BE YOUR OWN IDEAS).

10. Why is important that Katherine Rundell used the word 'home' in the final sentence of the chapter? What does it tell us?

The fact that it says they walk 'home' and not back to the city or camp shows that they have settled in and become at home in the jungle. It shows a shift in mood in the book, they are no longer visitors – they belong.