

Year 7 English

Year 7 completed a comprehension on a news article about travelling in Nepal.

Description of the Jungle By Niall, 7C

A flat marshy floodplain stretches out towards a densely wooded rainforest, with trees as tall as giants. Sarus and common cranes break up the otherwise peaceful scene. A large plated creature appears out of the bog like a ghost, then another. Calmly, they munch on huge sods of luscious, green grass. Out from the rainforest emerges a large herd of water buffalo, coming down to the water for a nice early-morning dip. A gharial slips in after them, intent on catching fat, juicy fish. The first birdsong starts up, an extremely rare red-headed trogon. A steamy mound of rhino poo plops into the water, disappearing with a satisfying PLOP! An osprey swoops down towards the water and with a splash brings out a fat trout. A lone Royal Bengal tiger approaches a small herd of nilgai, melting in with the shadows.

Closer to the forest, the air is filled with the scent of flowering plants. The first of the ducks start to fly out from their roosts in the trees and into the marsh, ready for another day of feeding. An elusive sloth bear slips out of the shadows and pads down to the water's edge. A large flock of pristine white and pink spoonbills and ibis set to work in the shallows, scooping up any microscopic life that dares float too close.

In the forest, the calls of multiple species of birds ring out in the otherwise gloomy silence. In the canopy, a troop of langurs go about their business, feeding on the ripest jackfruits whilst being scrutinized closely by a clouded leopard. A large flock of lime green, electric yellow, slate-grey red-breasted parakeets screech through the sky focused on finding food. Lonesome woodpeckers do their drumroll on their trees every now and again, startling everything in a half-mile radius. A solitary leopard stalks a large herd of chital, intently watching their every move. A pair of hornbills swoop through the canopy, calling out drunkenly to one another. Silently, a monitor lizard approaches a small squirrel. Colourful barbets, hoopoes, pittas and rollers spiral upwards shouting dirty insults at a confused looking jungle cat. Junglefowl and pheasants call out in warning after spotting a possible threat.

Up in the mountains, a small herd of Himalayan tahrs scramble up the rocky cliff, completely unaware of the danger above them. A large male snow leopard is watching carefully, waiting for the right moment to strike. A pair of red pandas snuggle up for warmth in their tree, blissfully unaware to all the action going on down in the steamy rainforest. This is Nepal at its finest.