

Rainforest Plants

Read the 'Rainforest Plants' section (ARTICLES) of the 'Britannica Kids – Rainforests' app on the iPad. Answer these questions using full sentences in your book.

1. What is the name of the process where plants convert sunlight into energy?
photosynthesis
2. Why do rainforest plants have to compete with each other to get enough light?
because of the rainforest canopy
3. What plants use anchor-like hooks to climb from the ground to the canopy?
lianas
4. What plant is known for killing trees because it wraps itself around the trunk?
the strangler fig
5. What is unusual about epiphytes?
they are not attached to the ground
6. What plant lives on the roots and stems of other plants and has no visible leaves, roots or stems of its own?
the Rafflesia
7. Name two rainforest plants that have been used for medicine.
quinine and paclitaxel
8. How do acacia plants and ants help each other?
the ants raise their young inside acacia thorns by feeding them young nutritious material they get from the plant and the ants patrol the tree and will attack any animal or plant that touches it

Extension

Use iPad to research other rainforest plants from around the world. Write the name and information about each one.