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Answering Questions to Elaborate Sentences

Directions: Elaborate the simple sentences below by answering at least two of the following questions: who, what, what kind, where, when, why, and how. Rewrite the complete sentence. The first one has been done for you.

1. The students studied history.

The 8th grade students at Hill Middle School studied United States History last summer.

2. They went to the theater. _____

3. The child was hit. _____

4. The zoo is fun. _____

5. The student was mad. _____

6. The man made dinner. _____

7. The boy likes animals. _____

8. The woman gave the orders. _____

9. The kids crossed the street. _____

10. The students were issued lockers. _____

11. The contestants swam in the competition. _____

12. The cards were arranged in order. _____

13. Chad broke one of the glasses. _____

14. The bookstore specializes in novels. _____

15. Each of the states has a climate. _____

List the Sensory Images

Directions: Read the description below. Notice how the writer appeals to the various senses. Find, underline, and list 30 sensory words or phrases that help you to experience what the writer is describing.

I will always remember my visit to the most fascinating rainforest in South America. The air was moist and smelled of moss and rich dirt. I observed white, fluffy clouds gracefully floating above the branches of the towering trees. Standing thickly, the trees provided a canopy that allowed only thin streams of light to push through. Plants of various sizes and shapes, some pointed, some round, blended in with the natural setting of greens, browns, and yellows. Underfoot, the ground was soft, mushy, and slippery. I heard the sounds of rippling water and the gentle rustling of leaves in the near distance. As I made my way through each curving path, I smelled sweet, fresh flowers. I have to admit that at times, my hands felt clammy and my heart thumped a little faster whenever unfamiliar, croaking creatures wearing coats of red, yellow, and neon green, hopped across my path. They must have been as timid as the stranger walking through their home. In retrospect, my adventure in the rainforest was captivating and full of surprises.

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| 1. _____ | 11. _____ | 21. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 12. _____ | 22. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 13. _____ | 23. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 14. _____ | 24. _____ |
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| 6. _____ | 16. _____ | 26. _____ |
| 7. _____ | 17. _____ | 27. _____ |
| 8. _____ | 18. _____ | 28. _____ |
| 9. _____ | 19. _____ | 29. _____ |
| 10. _____ | 20. _____ | 30. _____ |