

The Rainforest Children



John Allen is 43 years old and he has four children: two daughters and two sons. John is a plant scientist and he lives with three of his children in the South American rainforest. Their 'house' is a group of tents near the river Orinoco in Venezuela. John's wife and one of his daughters prefer to live in London.

John's children don't go to school because John is their teacher. He teaches them everything he knows, including how to survive in South America.

The children don't know how to use a PlayStation, but they can all drive, even his 9-year-old son, Simon. At night they drive their car 50 metres from the kitchen tent to the bedroom tent because there are a lot of wild animals in the area. They spend their free time playing and reading books and, in the evening, they listen to the news on the radio. They don't have a TV or CD player. In the summer, the children's friends come from London to visit. When they go home, they tell their parents incredible stories of their holidays in the Venezuelan rainforest.

VOCABULARY



1. Complete the sentences with the correct word.

1. Read the text and write true (T) or false (F).

- a. John is a biology teacher. —
- b. John's four children live in Venezuela. —
- c. They live in a house. —
- d. John teaches the children in a school. —
- e. The children don't play computer games. —
- f. Simon doesn't drive. —
- g. They don't watch TV. —
- h. The children's friends visit them. —

- a. My mother's sister is my _____
- b. My brother's son is my _____
- c. My father's brother is my _____
- d. My uncle's son is my _____
- e. My sister's daughter is my _____
- f. My brother's mother is my _____
- g. My nephew's mother is my _____
- h. My sister's husband is my _____
- i. My grandfather's wife is my _____
- j. My cousin's father is my _____
- k. My aunt's daughter is my _____
- l. My sister's wife is my _____
- m. My mother's father is my _____
- n. My brother's brother is _____
- o. My son is my mother's _____
- p. My brother is my uncle's _____
- q. My sister is my father's _____
- r. My daughter is my sister's _____
- s. My aunt is my mother's _____
- t. My father is my mother's _____
- u. My father is my son's _____
- v. My sister's brother is _____
- w. My husband's mother is my _____
- x. My wife's brother is my _____
- y. My husband's children are my _____
- z. My family's name is _____

2. What's my job? Read the texts and complete the sentences.

A. 'I work inside and outside, and I work during the day or at night. I drive a car or a motorbike and sometimes I walk along the street. I don't earn a lot of money. I wear a uniform.'

I'm a(n) _____

B. I work in an office with a computer, or outside with other people. I speak other languages and I sometimes travel to other countries. I don't wear a uniform. I work for a newspaper.

I'm a(n) _____

C. I wear a uniform and I work with other people. I have special qualifications, but I don't earn a lot of money. I work during the day or at night, but I don't work outside. I work in a hospital.

I'm a(n) _____

D. I work in the morning, in the afternoon or in the evening. I wear a sort of uniform. I don't need special qualifications. I don't speak other languages and I don't drive. I earn a lot of money.

I'm a(n) _____

E. I work for the people of my country. I need special qualifications, but I don't speak other languages. I generally work in an office, but I sometimes work outside. I earn a lot of money.

I'm a(n) _____

F. I never work outside. I don't need special qualifications and I don't use a computer. I work with people's heads.

I'm a(n) _____

3. Prepare to Share

a. Interview one of your classmates about their family or their job.

Here are some questions that you can use.

JOB

- What do you do?
- Where do you work/study?
- Do you like your job/studies?
- What time do you start?
- What time do you finish?
- What don't you like about your job?
- In your country, what jobs are well paid?
- Do you get paid holidays?

FAMILY

- How many brothers and sisters do you have?
- Where do your parents live?
- What's your mother's first name?
- Do you have any cousins?
- Do you live in your parents' house?
- Who's your favourite relative? Why?
- Do you want to have children?
- What activities do you do with your family?

