UNIT #7 – FINDING A LOST WORLD READING PRACTICE

NAME: _____ **DATE:** _____

READING

1 **Listen and read.** TR: 7.7

Finding a Lost World



Mireya Mayor

Scientists need curiosity for their job. Mireya Mayor has plenty! She has traveled to Namibia to study leopards, been chased by gorillas in central Africa, swum with sharks, and been underwater with a huge squid. She has also discovered new species, including a mouse lemur she found in Madagascar by accident.

Scientists also need strength. Mayor is incredibly strong. Once she ascended a huge table mountain (*tepui*) deep in the jungle of South America. The *tepui* she ascended was Mount Roraima, which is located on the border of Guyana, Brazil, and Venezuela.

For three weeks, Mayor and a team of scientists and climbers traveled on foot through the jungle. It was hard work. Tired, hot, and bitten by bugs, they finally arrived at the foot of the *tepui*. It rose 2.7 kilometers (9,000 feet) above them. Mayor had never climbed rocks before, and she was afraid of heights! Nevertheless, she ascended the dangerous *tepui* by rope for two days, stopping overnight to sleep in a "tent" that hung in the air above the clouds. The next day, when Mayor reached the top of the *tepui*, she knew her journey was worth every step. Once again, her curiosity had taken her to a lost world, full of strange and unknown species!

2 **Read and match.**

1. Mireya Mayor is	a. and strength.
2. She has both curiosity	b. made her very happy.
3. To ascend the *tepui*, she	c. a scientist.
4. Her tent was not	d. is above the clouds.
5. The top of Mount Roraima	e. on the ground.
6. Reaching the top	f. needed safety gear.

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3 **Read.** Answer the questions. Use information from the passage in Activity 1.

1. What does Mayor have that scientists need for their job?
   She has curiosity.
2. What is a *tepui*?
   _____
3. What creatures caused her problems on the walk through the jungle?
   _____
4. Why did the trip up the mountain make her scared?
   _____

4 **Reread.** Read the third paragraph of Activity 1. What details does the writer add to create suspense and interest? Complete the chart.

Where? When? Why? How? How long? With whom?

Main Events	Supporting Details
1. Mayor hiked through the jungle.	on foot (how); for three weeks (how long); with a team (with whom)
2. She arrived at the foot of the *tepui*.	
3. She ascended the *tepui*.	
4. She slept in a tent.	

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5 **Write.** Make notes on Mireya Mayor's adventures. Which ones would (or wouldn't) you like to try? Why? Then discuss with a partner.

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