



Listen and follow: The boy and the butterfly.

There was once a boy named Tiago. He lived with his grandma in a house near the Amazon rain forest. Tiago wanted to explore the rain forest, but his grandma told him not to go into it because there were fierce animals and it was easy to get lost. She also told him about a strange, magical person named Curupira who lived deep in the forest. One morning, Tiago was watching a beautiful butterfly in the garden. The butterfly flew away into the rain forest, and Tiago followed it. Suddenly, he was in the rain forest for the first time. Tiago couldn't believe his eyes! There were hundreds of butterflies, birds, plants and animals. Tiago felt so excited that he forgot what his grandma had told him.

He walked and walked, and he stared at all the beautiful plants and animals.

After a long time, Tiago stopped. He was all alone in the middle of the rain forest and he didn't know how to get home. He was very tired and scared.

Suddenly, he heard a noise. He looked up. A strange boy, a bit like an elf, was hanging from a tree in front of him. He had orange hair, two big ears and two backwards feet!

"Hello, Tiago," he said. "Welcome to the rain forest."

"Who are you?" asked Tiago.

"My name's Curupira. I protect the animals, plants and trees in the rain forest. I stop hunters from killing animals, and loggers from destroying the forest."

"Can you help me?" asked Tiago. "I never hurt the animals or plants. But I'm lost. I want to go home."

"Of course! I also help people who can't find their way home. Follow me!" said Curupira, and he ran off, with Tiago close behind.

On and on they ran, over and under the trees and plants, round and round the flowers. All the birds and animals of the forest were watching them. Suddenly, Tiago saw his house. He turned around to say thank you, but Curupira wasn't there.

Tiago's grandma was waiting for him.

"I was so worried!" she said. "Where were you?"

"I met Curupira!" said Tiago. "He brought me home. He's my new friend."

"Don't be silly, Tiago," said his grandma. "Curupira doesn't exist. That's just a story that adults tell to stop children from going into the rain forest."

But Tiago knew that she was wrong. Somewhere deep in the trees, Curupira was protecting the amazing animals and plants of the rain forest.

1 Read the story again. Complete the sentences with the names.



1 _____ lives with her grandson.

4 _____ got lost in the rain forest.

2 _____ wanted to go into the rain forest.

5 _____ helped his new friend.

3 _____ doesn't like hunters.

6 _____ doesn't believe in Curupira.

2 Answer the questions

1 What did Tiago's grandma tell him about the rain forest?

2 Why did Tiago go into the rain forest?

3 How does Curupira help the animals and plants?

4 How did Curupira help Tiago?

5 What did Tiago's grandma say about Curupira at the end?

3 What do the words in bold mean? Match the sentences from the story with the explanations.

1 "There were **fierce** animals."

a He felt afraid.

2 "He was all **alone**."

b There was no other person around

3 "He was very tired and **scared**."

c They were aggressive and dangerous.

4 "A **strange** boy was hanging from a tree."

d She was nervous about where he was.

5 "I was so **worried**."

e He was not normal.