

ANSWERS

The following pages contain the answers for each of the comprehension question pages.



True or False

True or false questions rely on a pupils ability to decide whether a statement is correct or not. To do this they need to be able to locate evidence accurately.

Decide if the statement is True or False.

Put a tick in the correct box.

STATEMENT	TRUE	FALSE
Madagascar is a large island in the Atlantic Ocean.		✓
40% of the Malagasy are under 14.	✓	
The baobab is the national tree of Madagascar		✓
Lemurs live all over the island.	✓	
One third of Madagascar burns each year.	✓	

Madagascar

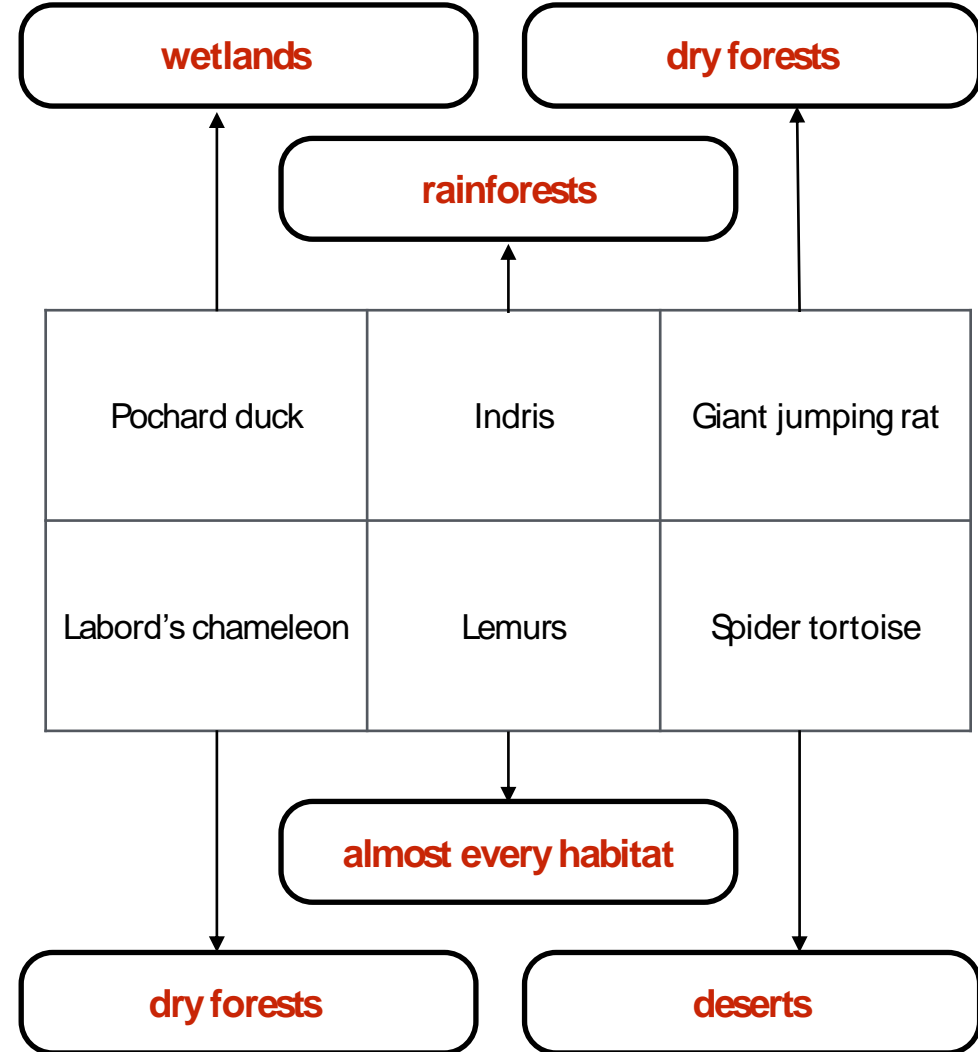


Ninja Tip:
Skim and Scan to locate information efficiently!

LAbel

Labelling often focuses on organisational features and requires a pupil to re-present the information.

Label the table below with the correct habitats.

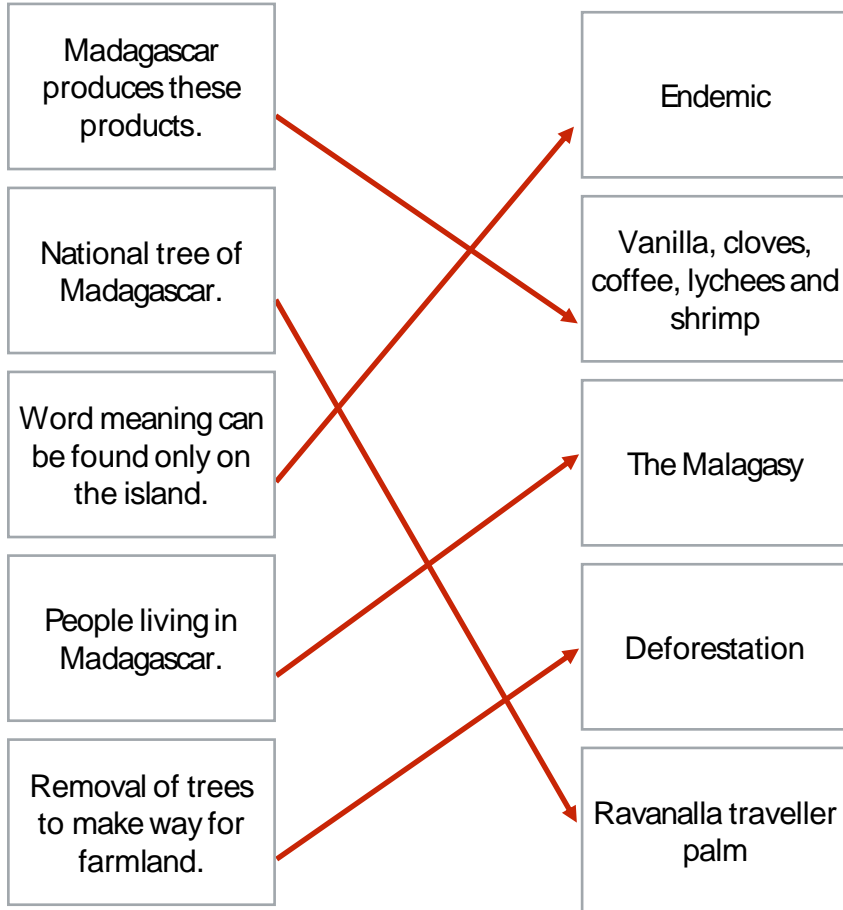


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Matching

Matching is an essential retrieval skill. Matching is where associated information is identified!

**Draw a line to the information that is linked in the text.
Remember to look back at the text to find the answer.**



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Underline / Highlight

Underline/Highlight is usually a word or phrase and can be linked to a pupil's understanding of meaning.

Life on the Island

The first settlers in Madagascar arrived about 2,500 years ago. Malagasy is the official and most commonly spoken language, however French is also an official language used for business. The **majority** of the population are very young, with 60% being under 25 years of age. 40% of the Malagasy are under 14! 70% live in **poverty** and only 75% of the population can read or write.

The country makes most of its money through **agriculture**, mining, fishing and forestry. Madagascar is one of the world's biggest suppliers of vanilla and cloves. Other key resources include coffee, lychees and shrimp. The country produces a variety of **precious** stones and provides half of the world's supply of sapphires, which were **discovered** in the 1990s.

Underline (U) or Highlight (H)

Questions.

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| 1 | Underline or Highlight a word that means found something. |
| 2 | Underline or Highlight a word that means to grow crops. |
| 3 | Underline or Highlight a word that means to be extremely poor. |
| 4 | Underline or Highlight a word that means very valuable. |
| 5 | Underline or Highlight a word that means the most. |

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Fill in the GAP

Requires completion of a sentence or phrase with words drawn from the text.

Retrieve the exact word from the text.

1	Malagasy is the official and most commonly spoken language, however French is also an official language used for business .
2	They grow up to 30 metres in height and are referred to as the bottle tree , as the trunk stores up lots of water.
3	Did you know they live only on the fourth largest island in the world, Madagascar?
4	Other fascinating species are not as diverse and can only be located in specific areas on the island.
5	Madagascar's famous lemurs , of which there are over 100 different species, can be found in almost every habitat on the island.
6	Deforestation to make way for rice fields has flattened a huge proportion of Madagascar's tree cover.
7	The dry forests are home to the Labord's chameleon, which has a life-cycle of only 4-5 months
8	The country makes most of its money through agriculture, mining , fishing and forestry.

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FIND AND COPY

Requires pupils to locate information by skimming and scanning. Then locating words based on meanings or suggested synonyms.

Find and copy the words for the suggested meaning.

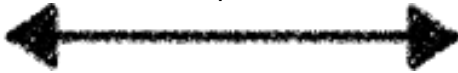
1	Look at the second paragraph. Find and copy a word that means cut off from everywhere else.
	isolated
2	Look at Life on the Island . Find and copy the word that means people who made their home there.
	settlers
3	Look at Flora and Fauna . Find and copy a word that suggests people think the species on Madagascar are amazing.
	fascinating
4	Look at An Uncertain Future . Find and copy a word that suggests the island's ecosystems can be found nowhere else.
	unique
5	Look at An Uncertain Future . Find and copy a word that means gone forever.
	extinct

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sequencing






Sequencing requires pupils to put events/information in chronological or other specific order.

First



LAST

Draw a line to identify the order in which these events occur.

1st	The Ravenalla traveller palm is shown on Madagascar coins. 
2nd	First settlers arrived in Madagascar. 
3rd	Almost 90% of plants and animals are endemic. 
4th	Hunting and over-collection of species could cause extinction. 
5th	75% of the population can read and write. 

Red arrows indicate the following sequence: 1st to 3rd, 2nd to 1st, 3rd to 2nd, 4th to 5th, and 5th to 4th.

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Ninja Tip:

Find these facts in the text! Then put symbols next to them in the order that they happen!

multiple choice

Multiple choice requires pupils to choose from a range of options. They must refer back to the text to find the key information.

1. Official languages of Madagascar: (Circle two answers)

Spanish

Malagasy

French

Afrikaans

2. The percentage of the population of Madagascar under 25: (Circle the answer)

75%

90%

60%

27%

3. This is not grown in Madagascar: (Circle one answer)

cloves

lychees

rice

saffron

4. Number of endemic tortoise species on the island: (Circle the answer)

30

Over 100

4

3

5. Grows up to 30m in height: (Circle the answer)

Ravenalla traveller palm

Baobab tree

Spiny forests

Deciduous forests

Madagascar