

# The Rain Forest

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## Rain Forest Facts

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## The Living Jungle




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### Vocabulary Words

 rain forest	 jungle	 anteater
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A rain forest is a forest that stays green all year. It rains a lot in a rain forest, so the plants and trees are very green and grow very big.

A jungle is a rain forest. A jungle is a hot, wet place.

An anteater is an animal that lives in the rain forest. An anteater has a long, sticky tongue that it uses to eat ants and other insects.

## Jag and Panther

### CHAPTER 1

#### Two Tan Cats

Who is this story about? That means Jag and Panther are the main characters in the story.

Once upon a time, before any of us can remember, Jaguar was a plain, tan-colored cat. She lived peacefully in a South American rain forest with her plain, tan-colored brother, Panther.

Jag and Panther lived deep in the jungle. People had never seen the big, tan cats.

Some days, Panther would say, "Jag, come play with me." Then together they would run in the trees and jump in the streams. But, on other days, they didn't get along that well.



What do we know about Jag and Panther? Did Jag and Panther always get along with each other?

One day, Panther and Jaguar got into a ferocious fight. It was so loud and awful that no one even remembers what the big cats were fighting about.

Jag said, "Quit that!"

Panther said, "Quit what?"

Jag hit Panther. Panther hit her back.

Soon the two cats were crashing into trees and smashing into plants.



What happened when Jag and Panther got into a fight?

The smaller animals said, "Please quit!"

The big cats didn't listen, so the little animals hid under rocks. Still, the crashing and smashing just didn't stop.

The little animals said, "We must leave."

Soon, it was just the two cats hissing and hitting.



## CHAPTER 2

### The Black Pool

Jag and Panther were having a big spat.

Jag yelled, "Quit that."

Panther said, "I will quit when you quit."

Then the big cats ran—hissing and hitting. They traveled deep into the jungle. The big cats didn't see the big Black Pool because they were so mad.



Jag jumped back, but Panther fell into the Black Pool. It was a shock!

Panther swam to the middle of the pool and began splashing Jag.



What did Panther fall into? What did Panther do after he fell into the Black Pool?

"Come on in," yelled Panther.

Jag said, "No way!"

Soon, the two big cats were having lots of fun.

Did Jag get into the Black Pool? What were Jag and Panther doing at the end of the chapter?

### CHAPTER 3

One Jet Black Cat and One Spotted Cat

Jag and Panther were having a spat in the deepest part of the jungle. After Panther fell into the Black Pool, he started splashing Jag.

Jag said, "Quit that."

Panther said, "Quit what?"

Then the cats began to giggle. "What were we even mad about?" they asked.



How can you tell that Jag and Panther aren't mad at each other anymore? Which cat is all black? How did he get that way?

When the big cats got back to the den, Mother Cat said, "You two foolish cats! What have you done? You did not remember to stay away from the Black Pool."

Mother Cat said, "Panther, look at you! You are all black." Then Mother Cat said, "And Jag, look at you! You are spotted."

Jag and Panther just giggled.



What did Mother Cat call Jag and Panther when they got back to the den? How do you think Mother Cat felt about the way Jag and Panther looked?

## CHAPTER 4 Never Ever Tan

Panther was all black from falling into the Black Pool. Jaguar was all spotted from being splashed by Panther. Mother Cat was upset!

Jag and Panther said, "What's the problem? We will just clean up."

Mother Cat said, "You do not understand. You can scrub and scrub, but you will never ever be tan. What is done is done."



What color were Jag and Panther to begin with? What did they think they could do to be tan again? What did Mother Cat tell them?

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"Never tan?" asked Jag and Panther.

"Never ever," said Mother Cat.

Jag looked at her black brother. Panther looked at his spotted sister. "Never tan," said the cats.

"What's done is done," muttered Mother Cat.



So, from that day to this, Panther has been jet black and Jaguar has been spotted.  
 What did this story explain?

We're going to retell "Jag and Panther."  
 What was the title of the story?  
 Who were the main characters?



At the beginning of the story, what was the problem?



In the middle of the story, Jag and Panther were deep in the rain forest. What happened?



At the end of the story, why was Mother Cat angry with Jag and Panther?



Let's go back to the beginning and retell the whole story by looking at the pictures. Look at the first picture. This story was about . . .