

Picture Challenge

What do you see?

Rwanda and life in Africa



How to play...

- Look very carefully at the picture in your challenge.
- Click to the next slide where you will see a list of trials. See how many of the challenges you can complete.
- There is no need to always write your answers down, you can just think or talk about them with someone in your house.
- Some challenges can be played lots of times because there is not just one answer.
- Have fun!

Challenge 1

Perfect picture!

This is a classroom in Rwanda, a small country in central Africa. Can you count how many children there are in just one class?! Rwanda is the most densely populated country in Africa, with one baby born every minute. The schools are so full of children that some pupils have to stand outside and are taught through the windows.

Question time!

In what ways is the class room different to yours?

In what ways is it similar?

What does the teacher have to help the children to learn?

What do you think the children might be learning about? Look for clues in the picture.

Writing challenge!

Imagine that you are one of the children in the picture. Write a letter to someone in your house explaining what it is like to learn in this classroom. 'Post' the letter to them by leaving it somewhere in the house where they will find it.



Challenge 2

Perfect Picture!

Look at the picture and you will understand why Rwanda is known as the 'country of a thousand hills'. Many of the hills that you can see are actually volcanoes. The Virunga Mountains are a chain of volcanoes in East Africa, along the northern border of Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda.

Story starter!

As the sun peeped its head over the distant mountains on the horizon, an orange and yellow hue filled the sky. The warmth of the sun was a gesture of kindness to her frozen hands, which she clasped together in front of her trembling body.

It was then that she heard it... Crack! It was as if the world in front of her was breaking in two...

Sentence challenge!

Personification is when we give human characteristics to something that is non-human.

Can you find an example of a metaphor in the story starter?



Challenge 3

Picture perfect!

The lady in the picture is walking many miles to the nearest market for food. It isn't raining so why might she have her umbrella up? We cannot see the inside of the house she is walking passed. Draw what you think it would look like inside.

Picture challenge!

Living in this house in the forests of Rwanda would be very different to living in a house in a city. Give three examples of how it would be different.

Who might live in a house like this? Explain your answer.

If you lived in this house, what do you think a typical day might be like for you?

Sentence challenge!

Using the passive and active voice.

The house, which is hidden deep amongst the trees, is surrounded by luscious, green plants. (passive voice)

Luscious, green plants surround the house, which is hidden deep amongst the trees. (active voice)

Write two of your own sentences about this image using the passive and active voice.



Challenge 4

Perfect picture!

The wooden boat is moored alongside Monkey Island on Lake Kivu, one of Africa's great lakes. The lake is 50 miles long and has lots of islands.

Story starter

The island was home to the most beautiful and mysterious creatures in the entire realm, yet very few human eyes had ever seen it.

One day, at the time of year where it stays sunny and warm well into the evening, Rose decided she would row over to Monkey Island and explore. She had been told by her parents and by numerous other bossy grown-ups that she was never to go to the island.

Now, to you and me (as the kind of people that always follow the rules), it might seem a little careless and maybe even a bit foolish for Rose to find herself in such a place, especially after been told such a thing! However, in Rose's mind, rules were there to be broken...

Sentence challenge!

Can you add adverbs to the sentences below to make them better?

The girl was frightened. _____, she looked around at the surrounding forest. She began to walk _____ along the path, pausing _____ to take a sip of water from her canteen.



Challenge 5

Perfect picture!

Lots of homes in Rwanda do not have running water. Children often have the job of collecting water from village pumps. It is hot and tiring work. Look carefully at the shadow on the wall behind the children and see if you can write a story about these children that has a happy ending.

Story starter

The two friends had known each other all their lives. Their friendship at that moment needed no words. The silence spoke for them as they stared at the angel that had appeared in front of them, joined in the same amazing feeling which wrapped around them like a blanket.

What happened next?

Sentence challenge!

'The silence spoke for them as they observed the scene'.

In this sentence, the writer uses personification to highlight that the silence was a way that the two children communicated. Can you use personification to complete these sentences:

The soft carpet of leaves...

The peaceful sky...