



One Big Rainforest 'Do'

Our story begins, one year on from the last,
And, we can hardly believe, how the months have flown passed.
But the time is now here, so let's begin preparation,
For another great Rainforest celebration!

One sunny day in the heart of Brazil,
The mighty rainforest, once again stood quite still,
Because, by the bank of the river, the animals had gathered once more,
To remember The Big Lunch, they'd shared twelve months before.

Last year's event had brought fun and good cheer,
And everyone agreed they'd do the same thing this year!
Happy stories they shared with every squawk, howl and roar...
Until our small monkey piped-up "But, could we DO a bit more?"

A sudden hush swept the clearing; the chatter quickly died down,
All the animals looked puzzled, and started to frown.
"Do more?" roared a leopard, his voice loud and gruff,
"We all got together, is that not enough?!"

"I..It is" stammered the monkey, now feeling some dread,
His mouth turning dry, and his face glowing red,
But he summoned the courage, and bravely he said:



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"The Big lunch was fantastic, a real moment of unity...
but would this year's event, not be a great opportunity...
To all lend a hand, and 'help-out' our community?"

The creatures all pondered, the small monkey's question
Before agreeing wholeheartedly... without a single exception....
That helping out a bit more, was the *right* thing to do
And would bring them together, like the stickiest of glue!

They started to think, of all the different ways to assist,
And began writing them down on their big 'To-Do' list.
Such excellent ideas, of all things they *could* do,
And some of the best, we'll now share with you....

But, to make it more fun (and to help pass the time)
We've written each one as a riddle or rhyme.

Each clue leads to a plant, that much is clear,
And could give *you* ideas, of how to 'help out' this year!

So, without further ado, let's get on with our quiz,
Here is the first rhyme, what plant do you think it is?



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Often found in the home,

(And the Rainforest biome)

With its petal, soo white

This flower could stop any fight.

Well done, you've got it, I knew you weren't silly,

The first plant, you've guessed it, is of course a peace lily!

They help clean the air, a pretty neat trick,

So why don't you help out too, and do a quick litter pick!

Keeping our communities neat and tidy, is a great thing to do!

But are you now ready, for clue number 2?

Slippery yellow skin,

Bendy smiley shape,

Makes a healthy snack for a monkey or ape.

Banana that's right! You're quite clever I see,

But did you know, that this fruit comes from a herb...not from a tree!

A rainforest favourite, I think you'll agree!

And delicious baked in a cake, with a nice cup of tea,

But are you now ready, for clue number three?



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This palm tree's enormous leaves, are as big as they come!

It has the world's largest seed, and it's shaped like a bum!

That's right, you've got it! And this plant's quite rare,
The beautiful, but endangered, Coco de mer!

Poached for its seeds, sold as souvenirs,
This plant would've been extinct in just a few years.

But, before it was too late, the community planned,
To all plant the seeds, and grow them on their own land.

An inspirational tale of people 'helping out' a bit more,
But now we move on, so here is rhyme number four:

*Milk white or dark,
Hard soft or runny,
Whichever one you choose,
It's sure to be yummy!*

Cacao! That's right! An iconic Rainforest star,
Teaching us how to help people both here and afar.

By buying bars of chocolate, for which the trade has been fair,
We can help cacao farmers, and show how much we care.



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Your wallet is your weapon, as we often say,

Now get ready for the last clue, because it's coming your way!

This plant is an epiphyte; found on a branch or a log

And it has a special relationship with the poison dart frog!

Bromeliad, that's it! You guys are so clever!

Now let's hear its story, about working together!

The plant helps the frog, and the frog helps it too,

One provides shelter, and the other gives pool!

An important lesson to learn, about helping each other out...

And that's really, what 'one big do', is all about.

Coming together for food and good fun,

As well as helping our community by getting things done!

As for the animals of the rainforest, well they had an incredible big do,

They shared plenty of food, and all helped out a bit too.

And the good feelings they felt, well this time they lasted a bit longer

As their community spirit, just felt a bit stronger.

So, if our story has inspired you, and given you some ideas, on which you can chew,

Then why not 'help out' in your community, and plan your own big do?