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Dioramas

Dioramas are **scenes** created in a box.

They are used to entertain and **inform** people about a topic.



This large diorama is in a museum and shows wildlife in their natural environment.

You can make your own diorama using some simple materials found at home, such as a shoebox, magazines and coloured markers.

To begin, you will need a topic. This could be anything, for example, space, dinosaurs or events from history.

The following procedure shows how to make a diorama of a Sumatran tiger's **habitat**. Sumatran tigers are found on the island of Sumatra, in Indonesia. They live in thick, grassy forests on mountains and in **lowlands**, where tall trees block out most of the sunlight. Here, the tigers can **stalk** their prey and hide from humans.



Goal

To make a diorama of a Sumatran tiger's forest habitat

Materials

You will need:

- library books or access to the internet (for researching your topic)
- a large cardboard shoebox (lid removed)
- an A3 piece of white paper
- a sharp pencil



- some gardening magazines (you will need to find pictures of forest plants in three different shades of green)



- scissors



- glue



- green and brown wool



- tape



- an A5 piece of stiff white card (about 15 cm × 21 cm)



- coloured markers



- a lamp



- an A4 piece of white paper and a pen.

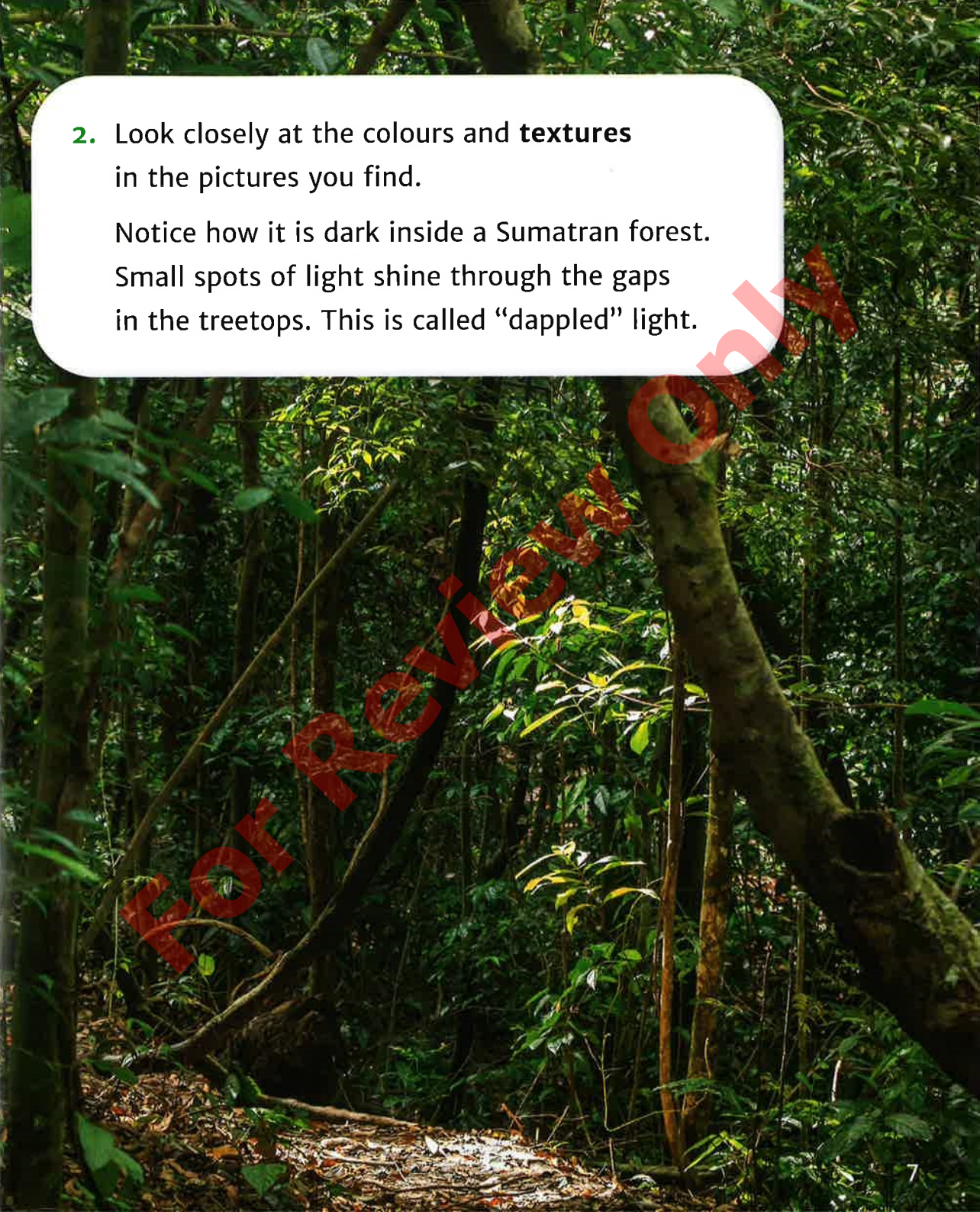


Steps

Researching Your Topic

1. Begin by researching your topic. Search in library books or on the internet to find photos of Sumatran tigers in their forest habitat.



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- A photograph of a dense tropical forest, likely in Sumatra. The scene is filled with lush green foliage and tall, slender tree trunks. Sunlight filters through the dense canopy, creating a dappled light effect on the forest floor. A large, dark tree trunk is prominent on the right side of the frame. The ground is covered with fallen leaves and branches. A large, diagonal watermark reading "For Review Only" is overlaid across the center of the image.
2. Look closely at the colours and **textures** in the pictures you find.

Notice how it is dark inside a Sumatran forest. Small spots of light shine through the gaps in the treetops. This is called “dappled” light.