

I had never seen anything like it. **Emerald-green** leaves glowed and shimmered in the mist. Browns, oranges and yellows were spread on the ground like a metallic path laid out just for me. **Above me, a thick canopy blocked out the sun, blanketing the forest floor in shadow.** However, tenacious beams of light pierced the canopy here and there and gave a reminder of the **life-giving** power of the sun. My eyes, slowly adjusting, settled on a group of mischievous monkeys frolicking in the tree-tops. **They chatted and chirped before swinging gracefully from branch to branch and - after sending a storm of leaves to the ground - disappearing into the dense forest.** Suddenly, my attention was stolen by a rustle of leaves at my feet.

Without thinking, I quickly leapt backwards (unaware that I was also screaming) **and the scurrying beneath me darted abruptly in the opposite direction.** Could it have been a centipede? A spider, maybe? **It didn't matter - I had obviously scared it away.** I didn't want to linger on the floor with unseen creatures all around me so I began to climb one of the many thick, **rope-like** vines that hung invitingly from the trees. **As I began to climb, I realised just how immense these trees were: the trunks were too wide for ten people to fit their arms around and the bark was as thick as lead.** Once I had finally reached my perch on one of the many sturdy branches of the tree, I realised that it was not me that had scared the creature after all...

With a powerful yet majestic stride, a **midnight-black** figure appeared on the forest floor, clearing all life before it. Even the shadows seemed to run and hide. It was a jaguar and I had clearly trespassed on his domain. My body began to tremble and the branch no longer felt so sturdy. I was paralysed with fear. Below, **golden-yellow** eyes gazed left and right. Muscles flexed with every step. Silver whiskers tingled with anticipation. Wide nostrils sniffed the air suspiciously. **A low and menacing growl suggested that he had smelt something he didn't like: me!** It was time to get out of there.

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- **A variety of clause structures (including parenthesis)**
- **Use of hypens**
- **Use of brackets**
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