## TASTE THE RAINFOREST! HAVE YOU EVER TRIED...

**Directions:** Unscramble each of the clue words. Take the letters that appear in circles and unscramble them to discover a surprising fact!

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• Did you know that tropical rainforests are the most diverse ecosystems on earth? More than 50% of every plant and animal species on the planet makes their home in the 7% of our world that is covered in rainforest.

• While you may never have visited

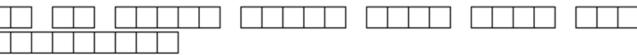
the rainforest, your everyday life wouldn't be the same without it. An astonishing amount of the food we eat originated in the rainforest. The Kola nut, which provided the original flavor for soda-pop, comes from the rainforest. And can you imagine life

without chocolate? Plus, there are many tasty treats that haven't made it yet to our grocery stores – today we eat about 200 rainforest fruits while indigenous peoples eat over 2,000!

• Besides food, many of our most

important modern medicines are derived from plants found only in the rainforest. For example, 25% of the active ingredients in today's cancerfighting drugs come from rainforest organisms. And since less than 1% of rainforest plants have even been tested by scientists so far, who knows what cures remain to be discovered!

• Unfortunately, 500,000 trees are cut down every hour in tropical rainforests, and we lose 20,000 to 100,000 species a year... Unless we can protect the rainforest we may never discover many important medicines, not to mention your next favorite snack!



Final Phrase: All of these foods come from the rainforest

Answers: avocado, coconut, figs, oranges, lemons, grapefruit, bananas, guavas, pineapple, mango, tomato, corn, potato, rice, winter squash, yams, black pepper, cayenne pepper, chocolate, cinnamon, cloves, ginger, sugar cane, coffee, vanilla, brazil nuts, cashews



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