

BRAZIL

Ripa's curiosity leads him towards the rain forest. The Amazon River flows through Brazil and carries water from the vast rain forest to the Atlantic ocean.

Ripa soars over the dense riverside vegetation on the back of a giant butterfly. He asks the butterfly how the rain forest got its name.

But before the butterfly even unfurls its long proboscis to answer, raindrops start to pour from the sky. The pair take shelter under the leaf of a giant rubber plant and the butterfly starts to tell Ripa all about life in the rain forest.

- Doesn't it ever snow in the rain forest? Ripa asks.
- No, it never snows, says the butterfly. The butterfly then tells Ripa that when it is winter in Northern Europe, the rain forest is hotter than a European summer.
- Well what about seasons in the rain forest? How do they work? asks Ripa.

- We don't really have seasons in the rain forest, says the butterfly. We get drenched with heavy rain every afternoon! But it's not so bad because it is still nice and warm. Before long the sun comes out again and dries our wings if they've happened to get wet.

