Linköpings kommun

1.2 In the Rain Forest

Läs texten som handlar om ett par ungdomar som arbetar som frivilliga i en naturskyddsgrupp. Välj sedan det alternativ som passar bäst in i meningarna efteråt. Skriv ditt svar på linjen (a, b eller c).

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Poachers are people who hunt animals illegally. There are lots of dangerous poachers in the Brazilian rain forests. They catch birds and monkeys and then sell them to collectors or zoos. There's a lot of money in it, and the poachers can become quite rich.

I spent last summer in Brazil as a volunteer for an environmental group. One of my jobs was to help to save as many animals as possible. I knew it was dangerous work, because the poachers can be violent. A few years before, they had kidnapped a French girl volunteer.

One day I was in the forest with another volunteer, Sue Randall. Sue's Canadian and it was her second time in Brazil. Her hobby is studying toucans, and we were in the forests looking for some. Toucans are beautiful birds and have enormous bills – up to 12 centimetres long.

Suddenly, we found ourselves face to face with a group of poachers. There were five of them, all wearing what looked like uniforms and carrying rifles on their backs. They could see from our clothes that we were environment volunteers, and they began laughing at us.

We couldn't understand what they were saying, but suddenly one of them took his rifle and pointed it at me. I was really scared. Then he shouted "Bang, bang, bang!" They all laughed and then they went away.

Afterwards, Sue and I told the police what had happened. Although the poachers laughed at us, I'm sure we saved some animals that day. I'm going back to Brazil this summer – I want to do all I can to help the innocent animals.