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Ben is an eleven-year-old boy. He loves adventures. He also loves his camera. His camera is small, black, and light. It is not new, but it is very special to him. Every day, Ben takes pictures of animals, flowers, trees, and people.

This summer, Ben is visiting his uncle. His uncle lives near a big, wild jungle. Ben is very happy. He wakes up early every morning and looks at the jungle from the window. He says, "One day, I want to go inside and take amazing pictures."

One sunny morning, Ben's uncle says, "Today is the day, Ben! You can go on your first jungle adventure."

Ben smiles. "Yes, Uncle! I want to take photos of animals, trees, rivers, and everything I see!"

His uncle gives him a map, water, and food. He also gives Ben a raincoat. "Be careful," says Uncle. "Stay on the path. Do not get lost."

Ben is walking into the jungle now. He feels excited. His camera is around his neck. The sun is shining. Birds are singing. Monkeys are jumping from tree to tree. Ben stops and takes pictures. "Click, click!" goes his camera.

Ben is walking slowly. He looks everywhere. He sees a group of colorful birds. They are sitting in a tree. Some birds are blue. Some are yellow. One bird is red and green. Ben takes a photo. "These birds are beautiful!" he says.

He walks deeper into the jungle. The trees are very tall. The leaves are very green. Butterflies are flying all around. Ben laughs. "You are like little flying flowers!" he says. He takes many photos of the butterflies.

Suddenly, Ben sees something big. It is a monkey! The monkey is eating a banana. It looks at Ben. It is not scared. Ben takes a photo. The monkey jumps to another tree. Ben waves and says, "Goodbye, Mr. Monkey!"

Ben is now near a small river. The water is clear and cold. Fish are swimming fast. Ben sits down and watches them. He takes photos. A frog jumps into the water. "Splash!" Ben laughs and takes a photo of the frog.

He is walking again. He feels a little tired, but he wants to see more. He hears a soft sound. It is a deer! The deer is drinking water from the river. Ben moves very slowly. He does not want to scare the deer. He takes a photo. The deer looks at Ben, then walks away.

Ben eats his sandwich under a big tree. He is resting now. While he is eating, he sees a lizard on the tree. The lizard is green and fast. Ben quickly takes a photo. "This is so much fun," he says.

Suddenly, the sky changes. The sun goes away. Dark clouds come. The wind is blowing. "Oh no! It is going to rain," says Ben. He takes his raincoat from his bag. He puts it on. He puts his camera inside his jacket to keep it dry.

It starts raining very hard. Ben runs and finds a small cave. He stays inside the cave. He is watching the rain. The jungle is very quiet now. Only the sound of the rain is loud. Ben feels a little scared, but also excited. "This is a real adventure!" he says.

After some time, the rain stops. Ben comes out of the cave. The jungle is wet, but it looks fresh and clean. The sun is shining again. Ben sees something amazing. A big chameleon is on a tree. It is changing colors! First it is green, then brown, then yellow. Ben takes a photo quickly. "This is the best photo today!" he says happily.

As he is walking back, he hears a strange sound. "What is that?" he thinks. He follows the sound. He sees a family of turtles. They are walking slowly across the wet grass. Ben laughs. "You are so slow but so cute!" he says. He takes many pictures of the turtles.

Now Ben sees something more exciting. A snake is sleeping on a rock. It is not moving. Ben is careful. He takes one photo and moves away quietly. "I am brave today!" he says.

On his way home, Ben feels very happy. He thinks about all the animals he sees today. Birds, butterflies, monkeys, frogs, fish, deer, lizards, chameleons, turtles, and even a snake! He smiles. "This is the best adventure in my life," he says.

When Ben arrives home, his uncle asks, "How is your adventure, Ben?" Ben says, "It is amazing, Uncle! I take so many good photos. I see so many animals. I even see a chameleon changing colors!"

That night, Ben shows his photos to his uncle. His uncle smiles. "You are a great photographer already, Ben." Ben says, "One day, I want to visit jungles in other countries and take more pictures."

Before bed, Ben looks at his camera. He feels proud. He thinks, "I am not just a boy with a camera. I am an explorer with stories to tell."

Ben goes to sleep with a big smile on his face. He is already dreaming of his next big adventure.

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