

## The River

Vocabulary	What phrase on Page 35 shows pride? What does 'brusquely' mean? Find a word on Page 42 that means 'confused'.
Infer	What might be the significance of a river? Why is Fred weaving leaves through the roof? What surprises Fred about Con? Why do the children panic in the river? Why does Fred turn his trousers into shorts?
Predict	Read up to 'I've found the river!' Predict what happens next. Read to the end of the chapter and predict what happens next.
Explain	Explain why you think Katherine Rundell chooses to omit the children's ages.
Retrieve	What illness does Fred have? Why was Fred in Brazil? Why do the children follow the ants? How does Con mark the way back? Why do they need to leave a trail? What's a caiman? Why can't Lila swim?
Summarise	Summarise your impressions of Fred's dad in two words.
Writing Opportunity	Write a fact file about piranhas or caiman.