

Letter of invitation to a sleepover

This is an example of how to write an invitation to a sleepover using the following information about the animal.

Green Ringtail Possum

Possums are marsupials, so the females have pouches in which the babies grow after they are born. Possums are nocturnal, which means they are active at night.

Where do I live?

I live alone up high in rainforest trees in cool, high mountaintops of the Wet Tropics. Unlike other possums, I don't have a den. Because I'm well camouflaged, I curl into a tight ball on a branch high up among the leaves.

Why do I live here?

I live in cool, high mountains because I can't stand the heat. . I rely on the mist and dew that collects on leaves for water.

What do I eat?

I eat tough and poisonous fig leaves, the leaves of some laurels and even those of the stinging tree! These leaves don't give me a lot of energy, so I move slowly. But the leaves are easy to find because other animals don't want to eat such poor quality food.

What eats me?

The Rufous Owl, the Spotted-tailed Quoll and the Amethystine Python.

Any adaptations?

I have a thick tail which grips branches like an extra hand: prehensile. A mixture of black, yellow and white hairs makes my soft fur look lime green. I don't pant like a dog or sweat like a human. If I get hot, I cool myself by licking my paws and chest. It's not a very good way to cool down, and if the planet keeps getting hotter I'll probably become extinct.

Using information about the Green Ringtail Possum the students and teacher write an invitation together. Students make their own notepaper and map using drawing software or art materials as part of information technology or art curricula.

The following letter is an example of a model letter.

Green Possum
Big Right Branch
Top of tree
Rainforest Mountains
Queensland
Thursday, February 02, 2006

Come to a Sleepover

Dear.....

Would you like to come to a sleepover at my place?

Where and when:

- At the top of the tallest tree in the rainforest.
- I don't actually have a house but there is a great fork in the tree for a party.
- 12.00 midnight (I like to sleep in the daytime)

You will need to bring:

- Something to sleep in (it can get cool at the top of the tree)
- A plate of food (fig laurel or stinging tree leaves would be much appreciated)
- A friend, but please not an owl, quoll or python!

Here is a map to help you get there:

You will have to look very carefully for me as I am almost the same colour as the leaves on the tree!

It will be a quiet night, we will spend time eating the leaves and talking. I don't think I will have the energy to dance so there won't be any music.

The other animals I've invited are Ulysses, Tube nosed bat, Sugar Glider, Eastern tree frog, Lacelid frog, (I've invited Brahminy but I really hope he can't make it), Rainbow bee-eater, Prickly Forest Skink and the Green Ant family.

I am looking forward to seeing you at my sleepover.

RSVP

Friday Midnight

Lots of love

Green Poss