

Reply to a sleepover invitation

This is an example of how to write a reply to a sleepover invitation using the following information about the animal. The students design their own stationery using photographs or drawings.

Green Tree Ant

Where do I live?

I live in a nest made of leaves, which I bind together using silk produced by my larvae, on the branches of trees.

Why do I live here?

I am really well camouflaged against the lichen-covered tree trunks.

What do I eat?

I feed on nectar and other insects. I also fed on secretions from aphids and scale insects.

What eats me?

Jumping spiders sometimes invade my nest and eat me.

Rainbow Bee-eater

Where do I live?

I live all over Australia, but when it gets cold in winter I head north to the Wet Tropics or New Guinea. I head back down south in summer to raise a family. I dig a long tunnel in a creek or river bank for my nest.

Why do I live here?

I like the warm weather in north Queensland when the rest of Australia is cold.

What do I eat?

I catch insects while flying from trees or low shrubs. I can spot a bee from 50 metres away and usually catch it. I beat it on a branch to remove the sting.

What eats me?

When I'm in my nest I'm easy prey for goanas and pythons.

Dear Poss

I would love to come to your party at the top of the tree but can I bring my friends? There are only about 5000 of them and they don't take up much room. We will try to be nice to everyone and will bring out own food (if we can get the caterpillars up there). I do hope Pitta and Sunbird aren't coming. I don't really trust them.

See you at midnight

Love from
The Greenies

Dear Poss,

I would love to come to your party but the time is a little bit difficult for me as I like to sleep at night. Also I notice that you haven't invited any bees, wasps or termites so there wouldn't be much for me to eat.

Also, as it happens I won't be here for your party as I'm off for a holiday down south.

Thanks a lot

Rainbow Bee Eater