## TASTE THE RAINFOREST!

HAVE YOU EVER TRIED...

**Directions:** Unscramble each of the clue words. Take the letters that appear in circles and unscramble them to discover a surprising fact!

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DAOVAOC		rainforests are the most diverse
OCNOUTC		ecosystems on earth? More than 50% of every plant and animal species on
GFSI		the planet makes their home in the
RONAESG		7% of our world that is covered in rainforest.
NOMEL		• While you may never have visited
RUPITGFRAE		the rainforest, your everyday life
NANAAB		wouldn't be the same without it. An
VUGAA		astonishing amount of the food we eat originated in the rainforest. The
PILPEPNEA		Kola nut, which provided the original
GOMNA		flavor for soda-pop, comes from the
TATOMO		rainforest. And can you imagine life without chocolate? Plus, there are
CONR		many tasty treats that haven't made it
TOTOPA		yet to our grocery stores – today we
CERI		eat about 200 rainforest fruits while indigenous peoples eat over 2,000!
REITWN SAHSUQ 🔾		Besides food, many of our most
SAMY		important modern medicines are
BALKC EPPERP		derived from plants found only in the rainforest. For example, 25% of the
NEACEYN PREEPP		active ingredients in today's cancer-
HAOCOLTEC		fighting drugs come from rainforest
NCIANMNO		organisms. And since less than 1% of rainforest plants have even been
SOCLEV		tested by scientists so far, who knows
GEGRIN		what cures remain to be discovered!
GARUS NECA		• Unfortunately, 500,000 trees are cut
FFOECE		down every hour in tropical rainfor- ests, and we lose 20,000 to 100,000
NILVAAL		species a year Unless we can pro-
LAIRBZ TUSN		tect the rainforest we may never dis- cover many important medicines, not
SACWEHS		to mention your next favorite snack!



Final Phrase: All of these foods come from the rainforest

Answers: avocado, coconut, figs, oranges, lemons, grapefruit, bananas, guaras, pineapple, mango, tomato, corn, potato, cice, winter squash, yants, black pepper, cayenne pepper, chocolate, cinnamon, cloves, ginger, sugar cane, coffee, yanilla, brazil nuts, cashews