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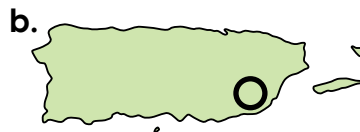
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4. What are two things that might rain down on you there?

5. A throne is a kind of what?

a. table b. bed c. office d. chair

6. Does it ever snow in El Yunque National Forest? Support your answer using a piece of evidence from the text.

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