

The Treacherous Temple

Imagine a place where no man dares to wander, where the sunlight never reaches, where fear drifts cunningly in the moist air: here in the Lost Temple I have found such a place. The cold, hard stones created a dark, dismal tomb. Glistening, the idol shone in the moonlight. I had found the treasure, but I still had to find the exit. I was ecstatic: I couldn't wait to escape this labyrinth of a jungle! Without disturbing anything that lay in the darkness, I tried to leave the temple carefully and quietly. The rain pounded the stone floor ferociously as I peered into the piercing moonlight outside. Then it happened... SNAP! The race was on.

Terrified, I froze on the spot for what felt like an eternity until the disgusting beasts were almost upon me. Distraught and troubled, shattered and startled, I did not know how far my weary legs would carry me as I bolted across the crumbling ancient bridge. After several minutes, my legs were shattered by the impact on the solid stone surface like a hammer through fragile glass. Diseased air, sheer drops, vicious creatures – which one would be the end of me in this unforgiving jungle? If I were to escape, I would be lucky to survive. The question is: will I escape?

Darting, I stumbled to the edge of a cliff. Disaster! Fortunately, out of the corner of my eye, I spotted my escape: a perfectly positioned boat. Would this be ideal? Would the boat even start? Would I survive the perilous jump into the rapids? The beast was galloping nearer. I felt its breath burning on the back of my neck, yet there was still time to make a decision. I made the call. Head first, I threw my body into the water below. Splash! Still fearing the beast was following, I swam to the boat, clambered in, and started the engine. I was free. I was safe. I was alive.

Looking back at my adventure, I had never felt so... endangered.

Questions



1, The rain pounded the stone floor ferociously as I peered into the piercing moonlight outside. Then it happened... SNAP! The race was on.

Which one of the following is closest in meaning to **ferociously**?

Sensibly

Quietly

Tidily

Crazily

Questions

2, Look at the paragraph beginning: Imagine a place



How do you think they felt when they found the idol?

Use the text to support your answer.

Questions

3, Look at the paragraph beginning: Darting, I stumbled..



You are told that the beast is galloping nearer, but how else does the character know this?

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4, Still fearing the beast was following, I swam to the boat, clambered in, and started the engine.

What do the words 'clambered in' suggest about how they got onto the boat?

5, What did the character bolt across?

6, Distraught and troubled, shattered and startled, I did not know how far my weary legs would carry me as I bolted across the **crumbling, ancient** bridge.

What do the words **crumbling, ancient** mean?

Spellings - Year 5/6 list

Spellings	Cover and write	Cover and write
achieve		
competition		
determined		
excellent		
government		
immediate		
marvellous		
physical		