

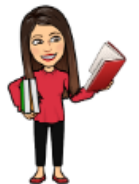
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Breathing a sigh of relief, I closed the final book and clicked my pink pen. "Finally finished!" I mumbled to myself. I flipped open my laptop screen, wanting to check my emails one last time before bed. 11.17pm. The red digits of my alarm clock flashed at me urging me to close my eyes. An email pinged into my inbox, 'Something to brighten up your marking!'. I clicked the link and waited impatiently as the blue bar crept to its finish line to show the page was fully loaded. 98%. 99%...a blinding flash of light. The screen went black.

1. **'Breathing a sigh of relief' how do you think the character is feeling?**

Creak...Crack! My body came to life with a jolt. With widened eyes I tried to make sense of my surroundings. Emerald leaves tickled my skin. A pungent scent snuck up my nostrils and made my eyes water. From above me, the sun's rays danced on my pale skin sneaking between the arms of the tall trees. Another creak...followed by a crack! Whatever had been holding me up suddenly gave way, sending me plummeting downwards. Flailing my arms frantically, I tried to grab onto something. Anything! Just then my hands managed to grasp a long rope that snaked down the side of the tree trunk. My free-falling was interrupted as the rope fully extended. My body buckled as the rope pulled taut, leaving me dangling like a spider on a web. I held on as tightly as I could, panting for breath. Out of the corner of my eye I spied a second rope but as I reached out for it a shadowy figure scuttled down from above, stopping right in front of my face.

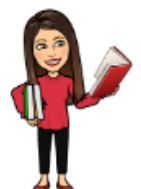


2. **Give the meaning of the word 'flailing' in this sentence... 'Flailing my arms frantically, I tried to grab onto something'?**



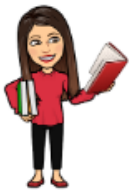
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"Name. Now!" demanded the stranger, as I tried to make sense of her feral appearance. Wide brown eyes. Matted hair, which looked as though it hadn't been washed in years. Clothes made of animal skins and tied together with rope. Who was this person and where on earth was I?



3. **Which of these words is a synonym for matted?**

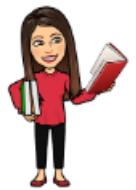
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An impatient cough drew me out of my thoughts and I suddenly realised I hadn't spoken yet. I croaked out my name and was told to follow. Not really having any other option, I complied. The jungle was hot and damp, with a sweet smell hanging in the air that reminded me of passion fruit. Below my feet, the leaves squelched and the bushes to my right and left seemed to be alive with activity, rustling and humming to themselves. On the path up ahead I could see something floating in the air, it bounced up and down and as we approached I squinted my eyes to try to make sense of it.

4. Find and copy one word with the same meaning as 'followed'?

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With my heart beating hard in my chest, I managed to splutter out the words, "How can this be happening?!" My new guide simply glanced back at me and then broke into a run towards the jumping creature, who was so familiar to me. She soared high into the sky, landing on the creature's back. Momentarily stunned, the creature stood still. Breaking into a spin, the jungle woman moved closer again to the turtle, collided with him and he disappeared without a trace. At that very moment, the well-known phrase sounded; "One up! You've gained a life!". There was no other explanation for it; I was in...a video game!

5. Find and copy two phrases which show how the main character felt as he followed his new guide?

Spellings

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