



**Open Ended
Comprehension**

The Write Tribe



Read this passage and answer questions questions 1 to 10.

The clear blue sky gave way to the dark grey clouds that filled the sky, looming ahead like a heavy curtain. Flashes of lightning threatened to tear the sky. Then it poured. It went 'pitter-patter-pitter-patter' and the trees bowed their crowns and stooped their branches as the heavens rained torrents upon them.

The boy was paralysed with fear. Beads of perspiration rolled down his cheeks that were not rosy any more. He was on his first hunt and he had not meant to stray so far from the others. However, the thunderstorm forced him to seek shelter. As the cave seemed safe and although the air was musty, he stepped in, not knowing that his life was about to be in danger. He looked for a dry spot and settled down to rest.

"Ahh..." he yawned, rubbing his eyes. He had just been awakened from a deep sleep by the deafening thunder. As he sat up, he remembered where he was. He realised that he was no longer alone. There was an orange animal with black stripes sleeping near the entrance of the cave. It was huge!

For a moment, the boy was **as still as a statue**. Realising that the animal was deep in slumber, the boy decided to leave the cave as soon as possible before the animal woke up. The boy stood up as slowly and as quietly as he could and tiptoed towards the entrance of the cave. He was just a few steps from safety when he stepped on a dry twig, causing it to snap, the sound reverberating around the cave.

The boy cursed himself for his clumsiness and remained still, his heart thumping in his chest. The **inevitable** had happened. As the tiger yawned, the boy saw its teeth. They looked menacing, like gleaming daggers. The tiger stirred lazily but suddenly became still as it had sensed an **unfamiliar scent** in its cave. It looked around, its eyes gleaming as its gaze rested on the boy.

The tiger gave a loud roar and approached the boy ominously. The boy wanted to escape but he had lost all control of his body. He closed his eyes, preparing himself for **what** was to befall him. Suddenly, the sound of gunshots rang through the air. The boy opened his eyes and saw the collapsed body of the tiger in front of him. He saw the figures of his father and the other hunters approaching him. His father embraced him warmly, causing him to have difficulty breathing. It had been a **lucky escape** for him.

1. Pick out a three-word phrase from paragraph 1 which suggests that the lightning was intimidating.

2. Which **two** words from paragraph 1 show that the rain was heavy? The words are found in two separate sentences.

3. Which **two** of the following words best describe how the boy felt in paragraph 2?

Put a tick ✓ in the box beside each of your answers.

DO NOT TICK MORE THAN TWO BOXES.

fearful

annoyed

embarrassed

oblivious

irritated

calm

4. Why was the boy 'as still as a statue' (paragraph 4)?

5. In paragraph 5, why did the boy curse himself?

6. In paragraph 5, the tiger's teeth are described as 'gleaming daggers'. How did they look like?

7. From paragraph 6, what is meant by 'lucky escape'?

8. Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right.

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
inevitable (paragraph 5)	
unfamiliar scent (paragraph 5)	
what (paragraph 6)	

9. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story.

The boy's father embraced him.

The boy woke up.

The tiger roared.

10. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so.

	True/False	Reason
The boy had searched for the cave.		
The boy was tired from the hunt.		
The boy was not afraid of the tiger.		