

## Hatchet Chapter 13 Questions

Organise the summary texts:

1

After catching his first fish, **Brian** roasts it over his fire and becomes obsessed with catching and eating more fish. He also discovers that he can use the scraps from one fish as bait for more fish. After eating so many fish that first day, Brian feels a new "tough hope" within himself, based on the idea that even if he won't be rescued, he is able to take care of himself in the wilderness.

2

Slowly turning around, **Brian** sees a **wolf** standing up the hill from the lake. It is huge, and he is initially frightened, seeing the wolf look at him and claim him "as his own." However, Brian looks back at the wolf and slowly realizes that the wolf is "another part of the woods, another part of it all." He feels calm and nods and smiles to the wolf. Three more wolves appear, and then all four walk away, Brian nodding to each in turn.

3

**Brian** also reflects on the many mistakes that he has made since that morning, noting them all in his "mental journal" so he can tell his **father** about them later. He thinks back on the first bow he made, which shattered in his hands and almost blinded him. He later improved the bow and figures out how to shoot fish, finally understanding that the water refracts light and makes the position of the fish appear different than it is.

4

**Brian** reflects on how much he has changed in the 47 days that have passed since the crash. It has been 42 days since the rescue plane turned away and left Brian alone, an experience which he now thinks left him "born as the new Brian." He relives the despair he felt that day and the experience of trying to commit suicide using the **hatchet**. In his memory, he lies awake all night wishing for his suffering to end, but in the morning he feels disgusted by the version of himself that contemplated suicide and realizes that he would never be the same. That morning, Brian decides that he will not allow himself to die.

5

**Brian** stands in the shallows of the lake, watching a fish swim by. The fish is too far away for Brian to catch, but he does not care because he is sick of eating fish. Instead, Brian is looking for one of the birds he calls "foolbirds," which he believes live near the lake. Then he freezes instinctively and thinks back on other times that a similar instinctive feeling has saved him from danger.

What would Brian never forget?

What had Brian forgotten from biology?

Complete the quote: "It had been a \_\_\_\_\_ day."