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LOST IN THE WOODS

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Lost in the Woods

Hours had passed and there was no sign of any game, though the barking continued. But Nathan was sure that Gypsy was a good hunter and could not be chasing a shadow; she was hot on the trail and really after something. With gun in hand, Nathan stumbled through the bushes, moving in the direction of the howling dog. Still there was no sign of any game. All he could see were monkeys swinging from the branches of the giant trees in the deep woods.

Just what Nathan feared was now happening; it was raining, raining heavily. With his gun beside him, he crouched beneath the dripping branches as swift flashes of lightning lit up the dark forest and thunder cracked loudly. In the distance, he could hear the echo of the barking dog, Bow-Wow! Bow-Wow! Bow-Wow!

Rain poured on an on as if it would never cease. Darkness was creeping in slowly and Nathan could now hear strange noises in the stillness of the woods; he was deeply terrified. Could it be Papa Bois misleading Gypsy? Would he and Gypsy be taken prisoners by this devil? These ghostly thoughts swirled in his head and he was becoming sick with fear.

Soon it was pitch black and the rain was only a drizzle. In the frightening silence, Nathan stood clutching his gun, unable to move. No longer could he even hear the faintest sound of Gypsy's voice. Eighteen hours ago he had left his cottage home in a peaceful mountain village; would he ever return?

Suddenly, a light flashed before his eyes; aha! It's Papa Bois, he thought, as his heart pounded and pounded. But no, it was not; it was a party of villagers who had come to rescue him. Nathan now began to breathe comfortably; his pale face turned into a big, broad smile as he ran straight to his little son who was among the party of rescuers.

"Thank Heavens!" he muttered to himself, "Thank Heavens!" It was sad though that they could not find Gypsy, but the villagers returned for her the following day.

1

Write an example of personification from the story.



2

From the story, write one phrase that appeals to each of the following senses.

i. Hearing



ii. Sight



3

Write two examples of imagery from the second paragraph.



1.

2.

4

What is the mood in paragraph three of the story. Write a word or phrase used to create this mood.



5

What is the meaning of the following words as used in the story?



i. "game" (line 1)

ii. Misleading (line 14)

6

How does Nathan feel about Papa Bois? Support your answer with evidence from the story.





7

How would you describe the villagers? Support your answer with evidence from the story.

