

Revision activity 6

1. Read the following extract from the novel *Walkabout* by James Vance Marshall before answering the questions that follow.

It was silent and dark, and the children were afraid. They huddled together, their backs to an outcrop of rock. Far below them, in the bed of the gully, a little stream flowed inland – soon to peter out in the vastness of the Australian desert. Above them the walls of the gully climbed smoothly to a moonless sky. The little boy nestled more closely against his sister. He was trembling.

- Sentence* a) Choose the correct word:
The passage above creates a (happy/restless/calm) mood.
- Word* b) Find a less emotive synonym in the passage for the word *moonless*.
- Sentence* c) Suggest two reasons why the boy is *trembling*.
- Name* d) The passage describes the setting. Name THREE aspects of the setting that create suspense.
- Sentences* e) Imagine the end of this story. Write a paragraph in which you tell the end. Remember to use the past tense.

2. Look at the following extract from Roald Dahl's version of *Snow-White* in his book *Revolting Rhymes*:

When little Snow-White's mother died,
The king, her father, up and cried,
"Oh, what a nuisance, what a life!
Now I must find another wife!"
(It's never easy for a king
To find himself that sort of thing.)

- word* a) Roald Dahl is known for making fun of traditional fairy tales. In the original story of Snow-White and the seven dwarfs, the king is sad when his wife dies. In the passage above the king seems to be merely ____.
- word* b) Replace the word *up* with a verb in the past tense.
- c) Rewrite the following sentences in the past tense:
The king finds a new wife. It is not easy.
- d) What is the direct object of the verb *finds*?

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1.
 - a) restless (1)
 - b) dark (1)
 - c) It is cold. The boy is afraid. (2)
 - d) Any three for 3 marks: (3)
It is dark/night-time. It is cold. It is in the desert. They are very high up and far away from the stream down below. The children are alone.
 - e) Award up to 3 marks for a cohesive paragraph that describes an end to the story in the past tense. Subtract up to 1 mark for incorrect spelling and grammar. (3)
2.
 - a) The king seems to be merely irritated/cross/annoyed. (1)
 - b) stood up (1)
 - c) The king found a new wife. It was not easy. (2)
 - d) The direct object is *a new wife*. (1)

Total: 15