

The Cave – Page 2: Questions

- 1) Look at paragraph 1. (2 marks)
Why was there no escape to the left of the cave entrance?

- 2) What caused the dark stains on the cliff face to Mary's right? (1 mark)

- 3) **Find and copy one** word which tells you that the bushes on the cliff face had not grown as tall as they normally would. (1 mark)

- 4) When Mary looked up the cliff, she saw **a line where hard grey gave way to soft green**. What does this mean? (1 mark)

- 5) Mary popped her head back into the cave and **sat down to think**. (2 marks)
In your opinion, what was she trying to understand?
Give a reason for your answer.

- 6) When Mary figured out the **obvious answer** to her puzzle, she immediately set off back into the cave. (2 marks)
Why did she set off back into the cave? Explain your reasoning.

- 7) Read paragraph 5. Why had the light **dwindled to the size of a peanut**? (1 mark)

8) Mary's *feelings of optimism...were soon to evaporate completely.* (1 mark)

This is an example of: (Tick one)

- a) Hyperbole
- b) Metaphor
- c) Synonym
- d) Simile
- e) Alliteration

9) **Find and copy one** word from paragraph 6 which means *to think about*. (1 mark)

10) What were Mary's feelings when she reached the back of the cave? (2 marks)

How do you know this?

11) Find the text: ***The walls, roof and sides of her subterranean prison joined together in a stony embrace.*** What does this mean? (1 mark)

12) Why were Mary's hopes dashed? (Tick **one**) (1 mark)

- a. The roof had collapsed and blocked the way.
- b. She was exhausted and could not carry on.
- c. She did not know which tunnel to choose to escape from the cave.
- d. She could see no way out.
- e. Her torch batteries had run out and she could not see where to go.
- f. She had forgotten to set her TV to record *Strictly*.

13) Choose the word which describes **least well** how Mary was feeling when she turned around and retraced her steps. Tick **one**: (1 mark)

- a. Concerned
- b. Panicked
- c. Agitated
- d. Relaxed
- e. Worried
- f. Nervous

- 14) Find and copy an example of a simile from paragraph 7. (1 mark)
- 15) Find the text: ***Surely this was impossible.*** (1 mark)
Explain what was **impossible**.
- 16) What three things **were not an option** for Mary? (3 marks)
Explain why each one was not an option.
- 17) Where was Mary when she was **reunited with the daylight**? (1 mark)
- 18) When Mary poked her head out into the abyss, she (Tick **one**): (1 mark)
- a. wondered how high up she was;
 - b. tried to think of a new plan to get home;
 - c. thought about which of the many choices for escape she would pick;
 - d. once more thought about her small number of possible option;
 - e. day-dreamed about who had won *Strictly* this week.
- 19) Why did Mary take **a deep breath** before leaving the cave (1 mark)
- 20) How did Mary leave the cave? (1 mark)
- 21) Do you think Mary reached safety after leaving the cave? (3 marks)
Find evidence from the text to support your answer.
Explain how this evidence backs up your opinion.