

## Thursday – More Than One Paragraph

That morning, the town of Riverndon was enjoying the warm sunshine. It was a welcome relief from the blizzards they had faced last week. The small high street was alive with the hustle and bustle of locals who were enjoying the freedom of the weekend.

Down by the river, Jakob was also enjoying his weekend. He hated being stuck in school all day. He'd spend his time daydreaming about exploring the hillside or fishing in the river. Often, his teacher would have to remind him to focus on the dull work that he was supposed to be doing. Now, however, he had two whole days to spend in the great outdoors with Luna.

Luna was his best friend. She was just a cub when he first met her. She had been trapped in the river by some fallen branches. She would have drowned if he hadn't heard her barks for help. She had been a much-loved member of the family ever since.

Today, they were hoping to catch some fish. It was quite a difficult task with Luna around. Her love of splashing in the icy water would scare the fish away. Nevertheless, Jakob climbed onto his favourite tree stump and cast his line out into the middle of the river. He settled down for a long wait.

"You there... boy... does that wolf belong to you?" A man had appeared on the other side of the river and he seemed to be talking to Jakob. He wasn't a local, that was for sure, and there was something about him that Jakob didn't like.

1. What is the main focus of paragraph one? Circle the correct answer.

describes a  
character

describes a  
location

introduces a  
dilemma

2. Which paragraph could the sentence below be added to?

It looked like she had become separated from her mother and she was too young to survive on her own.

3. Which device has been used at the start of paragraph five? Colour one box.

Speech

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Fronted adverbial

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Pronoun

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4. True or false? The fronted adverbial 'Down by the river' links paragraphs two and four. Explain your answer.

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As usual, Karl was sitting in his favourite chair in front of his favourite video game. It was the weekend and he had endless hours of game play ahead of him. He had stocked up on plenty of drinks and snacks, so he wouldn't need to move until his bladder told him otherwise. His headset was on so he could communicate with his friends. They would have to work as a team if they wanted to win today.

Karl lived in a small house on the edge of town. His friends also lived in the same street, yet they chose to play separately in their own homes. Karl's mum worried about the amount of time he spent in front of the screen, but at least she knew that he was keeping out of trouble.

Virtual Karl and his team waited in the holding area. 3... 2... 1... Their avatars parachuted into the imaginary world. Quickly, they began to search around for health bonuses that would be helpful in the game. "Guys, let's head for Mysterious Mount. There's a portal at the top. We can use it to gain access to the underworld," ordered Karl. His character set off, and the rest of the team followed.

Once at the top of Mysterious Mount, the team found the gateway. "Right, everyone through at once!" commanded Karl. He watched his teammates disappear before jumping through himself. It was at that exact moment that something rather unexpected happened.

5. Write the next paragraph to tell the reader what happens after travelling through the portal.

6. Explain how paragraph two is different to paragraph one.

7. Matty has written the sentence below to add to paragraph three.

The house was just large enough for Karl and his mum, although it felt rather cramped when his gran came to visit.

Has he added it to the correct paragraph? Explain your answer.