# **R2b. Can find and copy one word/groups of words with a particular meaning**

# **Skills Test 3**

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*Read the text and answer the questions below. Use the spaces provided to write your answers.*

Summoning every ounce of his courage, the dishevelled looking man crept forwards, using his bare arms to shield his face from the thick foliage which threatened to engulf the narrow dirt track between the trees. Wincing as stone after stone cut through his improvised plastic shoes, he scoured the ground before him for any trace of hoof prints. Nothing. Perhaps he had been mistaken…

What was that? Out of nowhere, an ominous shadow loomed over him, blocking out the dim glow from the moon that had been lighting his way. The blood in his veins ran cold: he hadn’t told a soul about his night-time quest. Trying to mask the rising sense of fear inside his chest, the man turned… nothing. It seemed, for the moment at least, that he was still on his own. Clenching his fists, he took a deep breath. That horse was his livelihood; he knew that he had no choice but to struggle onwards, deeper and deeper into the forbidding forest.

1. **Find** and **copy** a **group** ofwordsthat tells you there are a lot of leaves*.*

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1. **Find** and **copy** **one** word in the first paragraph that suggests the man is not wearing real shoes.

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1. In the first paragraph, find **one word** which tells you the man was *looking very closely*.

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1. **Find** and **copy** a group of words that means the same as *increasing feeling of terror*.

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1. Look at the second paragraph. Find and copy two different words that mean sinister.

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**Answers:**

1. thick foliage
2. improvised
3. scoured
4. rising sense of dread
5. ominous, forbidding