# **R2c. Can find words in a text that most closely match the meaning of a given word**

# **Test 2**

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*Read the text and answer the questions below. Use the spaces provided to write your answers or put a tick in the correct box.*

A small plane cut a lonely path through the pitch black sky. The drone of its single propeller engine was the only sound for miles around. Below, in the impenetrable darkness, lay the vast Sahara Desert. Inside the tiny cockpit were French pilot Antoine de Saint-Exupéry and his co-pilot André Prévot. It was the day before New Year’s Eve, 1935.

The two men had been flying in the dark since leaving Benghazi, Libya, four hours before. They were attempting to fly from Paris to Saigon faster than anyone before them. If they broke the record before the end of the year, they would win a prize of 150,000 francs.

Their immediate destination was Cairo, Egypt, but they should have arrived there by now. Blinking back exhaustion Saint-Exupéry, known to all as Saint-Ex, offered Prévot another cigarette. Both men strained their eyes trying to find some landmark to tell them where they might be. But beyond the wing-lights there was nothing to be seen. Surely, below, there was a river or city that would give them a clue to their whereabouts?

They flew on, but as every minute passed, it became more and more obvious that they were completely hopelessly lost.

 *(‘Survival’ by Paul Dowswell)*

1. Look at the first paragraph. Which word is closest in meaning to *hum*?

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1. *Below, in the* ***impenetrable*** *darkness…’*

Which word is closest in meaning to the word***impenetrable***?

 Tick **one**

opaque

 silent

vacant

miserable

1. In the second paragraph, which word means the same as *endeavouring?*

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1. In the third paragraph, the word ‘*immediate’* is closest in meaning to:

 Tick **one**

sudden

 distant

 important

 next

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**Answers:**

1. drone
2. opaque
3. attempting
4. next