# **R2d. Can explain what words suggest about a given subject**

# **Test 1**

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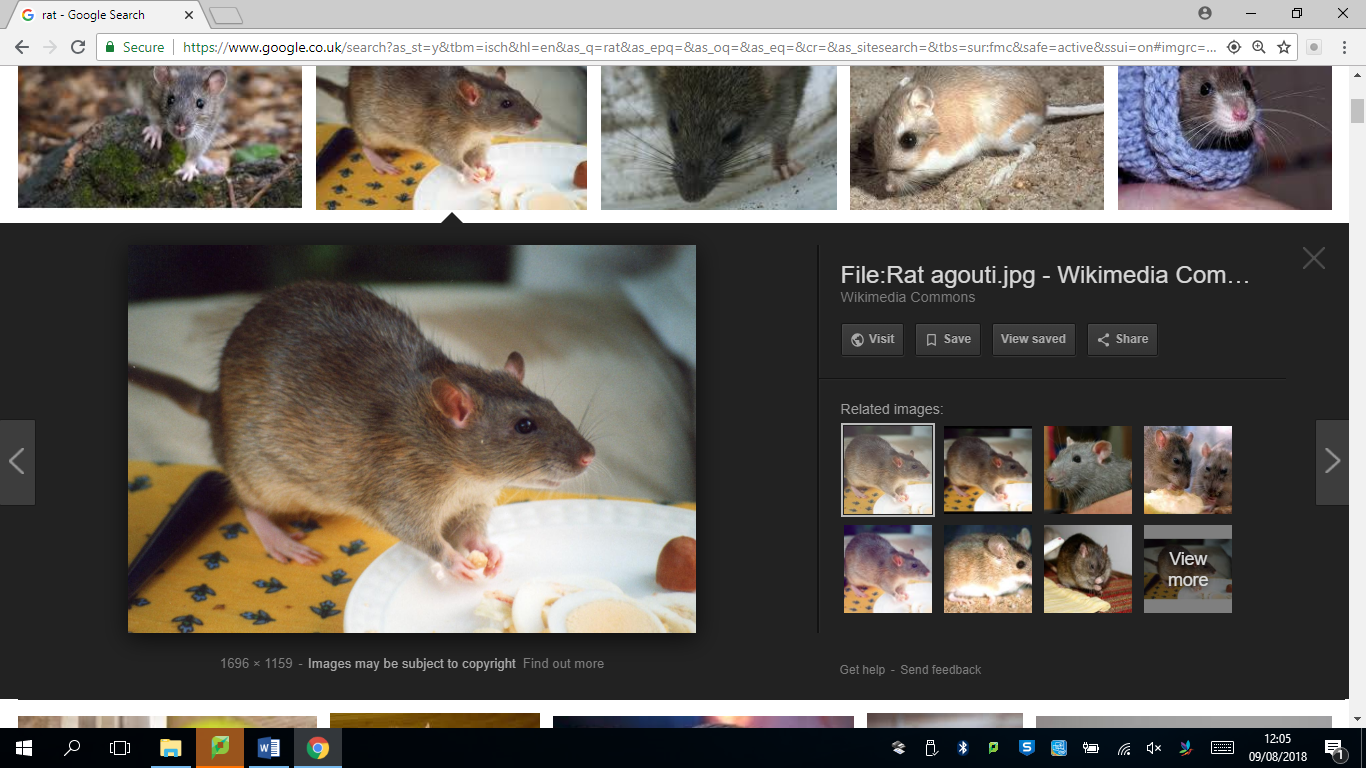
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*Read the text and answer the questions below. Use the spaces provided to write your answers.*



**The New House**

The new house was condemned from day one. We had not been there a whole day when my brother Kadeem tripped on a protruding nail and toppled down the stairs, knocking himself unconscious. The upstairs shower (when not spewing out dust) leaked and caused the bathroom floor to bow as well as water damage in the front hallway. The wiring was in such a state of disrepair that every time we turned something on there were blue sparks and a strange burning smell.

The rats were the final straw. Kadeem had located their nest beneath one of the unsecured (and now wet and rotting) floorboards in the main bathroom. He yelled for mum, who tried to lure them out with some seriously pongy cheddar. It was an ingenious plan, except that it didn’t work. So, my father, in all of his wisdom, decided to nail all of the floorboards down to prevent them from escaping.

That evening, Kadeem and I could not sleep. Kadeem, out of bed at this point, paced the floor restlessly. Something was keeping us awake, but we could not put our finger on it. Then we heard it, the scratching sound.

“Fiza,” Kadeem whispered. “Do you hear something?”

I did – and the noise was amplifying. Scratching and scraping filled the air, resonating around the room. It appeared to be coming from beneath us. And then…pandemonium! The floor started rattling, floorboards started pinging up, nails were flying and wood splintering.

1. What impression does the word *condemned* give about the new house?

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1. What does the word *disrepair* suggest about the wiring?

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1. What do the words ‘*paced the floor* *restlessly’* suggest about how Kadeem is feeling?

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1. What impression does the word *amplifying* give us about the noise?

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**Answers:**

1. it is doomed/is it not a good place to live (accept other sensible responses)
2. it is in poor condition/it is not in good condition/it has not been looked after/repaired properly/it has been neglected
3. he cannot settle/he can’t get to sleep/he cannot rest/relax/keep still
4. it is getting louder/noisier (the noise increasing/turning up)