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

# **Test 2**

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

Exhausted after the gruelling walk, Matthew’s legs simply refused to go any further: he would have to find somewhere to bed down for the night. It was not very difficult to find a quiet space to pitch his tent on the sparsely inhabited island: there were more sheep than people!

Desperate to catch up on some badly needed sleep, Matthew was soon snugly cocooned in his downy sleeping bag. With heavy eyelids, he began to drift into a dreamless sleep, completely ignorant of the danger that lurked just metres away.

It was the noise that woke him. A raspy panting sound… then, the feeling of hot breath on his face. Suddenly wide awake, Matthew’s blood ran cold. He knew that bears did inhabit the island but had been reassured to learn that they had never been known to stray from the dense woodland: this one was clearly an exception.

Keeping his eyes tightly closed, he clung to a hazy memory about dealing with bear attacks by playing dead in an attempt to buy himself some time to think of a better plan. Hisplans for a peaceful weekend away in nature were rapidly unravelling.

1. What does the word *gruelling* suggest about the walk?

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1. What impression does the phrase ‘*sparsely inhabited’* give of the island?

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1. What do the words ‘*blood ran cold’* suggest about how Matthew was feeling?

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1. What does the word ‘*hazy’* suggest about his memory?

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1. *‘His plans for a peaceful weekend away in nature were rapidly unravelling.’*

What impression do the words ‘*rapidly unravelling’* give the reader of what is happening to Matthew’s plans?

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**Answers:**

1. difficult
2. not many people living there
3. frightened
4. vague / not clear
5. falling apart quickly