

Recall

1. Whose eye is being described?

A dragon's

2. Where is the dragon peering from?

A lair

Vocabulary

1. '*...like a precious, amber jewel.*'

What does the word precious tell us about the jewel?

If something is precious, it is usually very valuable or beautiful.

2. Find and copy a word that means *leap*.

pounce

3. What does the word *prey* mean?

Prey is an animal eaten by another animal

(so it will be the dragon's food).

Inference

1. What movements might the dragon observe?

A variety of answers are acceptable. Answers must refer to things that the dragon could see. Example answers might include: leaves rustling; animals moving in the distance; soldiers/knights searching for it.

2. Why are the dragon's wings positioned when it is staring at its prey?

he is getting ready to catch its prey; it is getting ready to fly.

Predict

What do you think the dragon will do next?

Any plausible ideas, linked to the events in the poem so far.

Possible answers might include:

He will fly out to catch his prey.

The prey will disappear so he will settle back down in his leair.

EXTRA CHALLENGE:

Read the poem and find examples of the language features that the author has used.

Synonyms:

The first line of each stanza are all synonyms for looking: watching, observing, peering, staring.

Antonyms:

near and far

A simile:

like a precious, amber jewel (to describe the eye)