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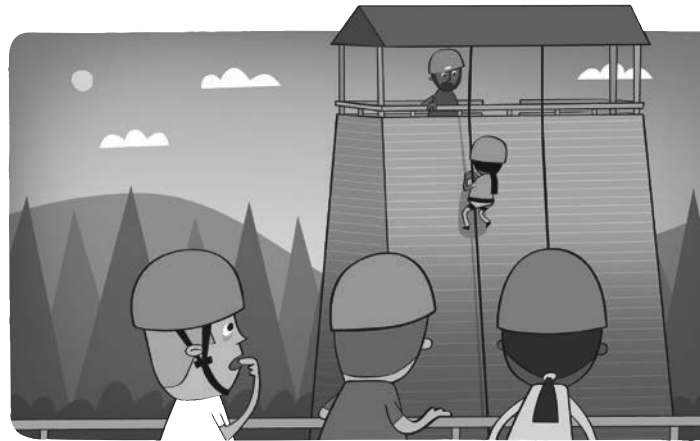
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Practise these words: abseiling climbed clipped

The Wall of Fear

Jake's legs were trembling as he looked up at the high wall. He had a helmet on his head and a harness round his waist.

"Whatever happens," Jake said to himself, "I must NOT let the others see I'm afraid."



1 Why do you think Jake's legs were trembling? Tick **one** box.

Because his legs were worn out from running

Because he was cold

Because he was afraid of going up the high wall

2 Why do you think Jake didn't want the others to know how he felt? Tick **one** box.

Because they might tease him

Because he wasn't really afraid

Because he was ill

At last it was Jake's turn. Slowly, he climbed the ladder to the platform at the top of the wall. He was trying not to think about the next bit. He had to abseil all the way down the wall!



3 What did Jake have to do when he got to the top of the wall?

At the top, an instructor clipped a rope to Jake's harness. "Don't worry, son," he said. "You can do it!" But Jake was too afraid to speak.



4

Find and copy **one** word from page 2 that means 'a person who teaches you how to do things'.

5

How does Jake feel at this point in the story?

Find and copy the sentence that tells you how he feels.

Jake looked over the edge of the platform. He could see Max and Jordan down there.

They were grinning.

Did they think he couldn't do it?

Well, he would show them!

Taking a deep breath, Jake held the rope and leant back.

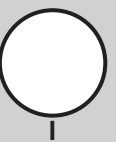
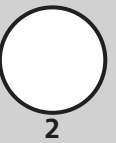
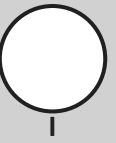
He had done it!

He was abseiling!



6

Draw a circle round the picture that shows someone abseiling.



7 Why did Jake decide to abseil down after all? Tick **one** box.

He wanted to show Max and Jordan he could do it.

He knew his mum would be upset if he didn't.

He thought abseiling was easy.

8 Complete the two sentences to fill in the missing bits of the story.

First, Jake looked up at the wall and felt afraid.

Next, _____

Then, the instructor said Jake could do it, but Jake was still afraid.

In the end, _____

For teacher use

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| Your mark | _____ out of 10 |
| What went well | |
| How to improve | |

