

This is a poem about a brave explorer with a taste for adventure.

Jungle Jinx

In the middle of nowhere, in a land of the past,
Where the creepers grow high and the jungle is vast,
A hero, bewitched by an object she craves,
Abseils down a rock face and into a cave.

She seeks an idol, the colour of riches,
To have and to hold – each finger itches.
Grasping her destiny, she remembers the curse,
But she’s wrestled with crocodiles – she’s dealt with worse.

A distressing sound – the ground seethes and cracks,
Unleashing a cobra that coils, then attacks!
Our hero is swift and deflects the bite,
Swinging her sabre with all of her might.

But our hero’s troubles have only just started,
For her exit is blocked – by the curse she’s outsmarted!
A moss-covered boulder now thunders her way,
Yet no bead of sweat does her forehead display.

She recalls her adventure to darkest Peru,
While the ceiling above her begins to fall through.
The old boulder trap – what a cliché!
She ducks into a passage and out of the way.



Read the poem and answer the questions below.

The answers are on the last page.

Question
1

The poem is about *a hero, bewitched by an object she craves...*

What does the word *craves* mean in this sentence?

Question
2a

How does the hero enter the cave?

Tick **one**.

She leaps down.

She falls through the ceiling.

She follows the boulder.

She abseils.

Question
2b

What is she looking for?

Tick **one**.

a treasure

some gold

an idol

riches

Question
3

How does the hero defeat the cobra?

Question
4

What prevents the hero from leaving the cave?

Question
5

A moss-covered boulder now thunders her way...

What impression does this give you about the boulder's movement?

Question
6

How does the hero escape from the boulder?

Question
7

Number the following events to show 1–5 to show the order in which they happened.

The first one has been done for you.

She wanted a precious idol.

She ducked out of the way.

A cobra attacked her.

A boulder blocked her path.

She abseiled down a rock face.

Question
8

Why is the cave a dangerous place to explore?

Explain your answer using an example from the text.

Question
9

The hero is likely to go on more adventures.

What evidence in the text supports this?

Answers

Question	Answer
<p>1</p> <p>The poem is about <i>a hero, bewitched by an object she craves</i>...</p> <p>What does the word <i>craves</i> mean in this sentence?</p>	<p>wants</p> <p>Also accept other appropriate synonyms of wants.</p> <p>E.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • longs for • desires • requires
<p>2a</p> <p>How does the hero enter the cave?</p> <p>Tick one.</p> <p>She leaps down. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>She falls through the ceiling. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>She follows the boulder. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>She absells. <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>She leaps down. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>She falls through the ceiling. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>She follows the boulder. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>She absells. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>2b</p> <p>What is she looking for?</p> <p>Tick one.</p> <p>a treasure <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>some gold <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>an idol <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>riches <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>a treasure <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>some gold <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>an idol <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>riches <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>3</p> <p>How does the hero defeat the cobra?</p>	<p>Award 1 mark for one correct response.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She is swift. • by deflecting the bite • by swinging her sabre (with all of her might)
<p>4</p> <p>What prevents the hero from leaving the cave?</p>	<p>Award 1 mark for one correct response.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a boulder • the curse • The exit is blocked.
<p>5</p> <p><i>A moss-covered boulder now thunders her way...</i></p> <p>What impression does this give you about the boulder's movement?</p>	<p>Award 1 mark for a response that creates an appropriate comparison of the boulder to thunder. The comparison does not have to be explicit.</p> <p>E.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The boulder makes a loud noise like thunder. • It moves in like a storm. • It crashes (like thunder). • It rolls unstoppable. • It is unstoppable. • It descends on her.
<p>6</p> <p>How does the hero escape from the boulder?</p>	<p>Award 1 mark for one correct response.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She ducks into a passage. • She ducks out of the way.
<p>7</p> <p>Number the following events 1–5 to show the order in which they happened</p> <p><i>The first one has been done for you.</i></p> <p>She wanted a precious idol. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>She ducked out of the way. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>A cobra attacked her. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>A boulder blocked her path. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>She abselled down a rock face. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>She wanted a precious idol. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2</p> <p>She ducked out of the way. <input type="checkbox"/> 5</p> <p>A cobra attacked her. <input type="checkbox"/> 3</p> <p>A boulder blocked her path. <input type="checkbox"/> 4</p> <p>She abselled down a rock face. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1</p>

8	<p>Why is the cave a dangerous place to explore? Explain your answer using an example from the text.</p>	<p>Award 1 mark for a response that appropriately identifies the dangers or the curse.</p> <p>E.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ground seethes and cracks. • There's a cobra/she's in danger of being bitten. • There's a curse. • The exit is blocked. • There's a (rolling) boulder. • The ceiling falls through. <p>Do not accept general answers such as 'It is dangerous' without evidence or examples from the text.</p>
9	<p>The hero is likely to go on more adventures. What evidence in the text supports this?</p>	<p>Award 1 mark for a response that uses evidence from the text to support the idea that the hero will go on more adventures.</p> <p>E.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She's dealt with crocodiles and she still came on this adventure. • She's dealt with worse than this cave so it probably won't put her off adventures in future. • She managed to defeat the cobra so she'll be able to defeat other dangers in future. • She seems brave enough because she fought off a cobra. • The boulder doesn't even worry her so not many dangers will. • She's been on dangerous adventures before (like the one in Peru). • She's beaten the boulder trap before.