

GRAYS TUITION CENTRE- Online Tutoring

WEEK 22

Week beginning: 17/08/2020

Subject: ENGLISH

Year: 6

Lesson objective:

- To complete the reading comprehension to practice grammar and comprehension skills

Keywords/concepts:

- Comprehension

Class worksheets:

- To complete worksheet 1

Homework worksheets:

- To complete worksheet 2

Worksheet 1:

Eragon
by Christopher Paolini

Wind howled through the night, carrying a scent that would change the world. A tall Shade lifted his head and sniffed the air. He looked human except for his crimson hair and maroon eyes.

He blinked in surprise. The message had been correct: they were here. Or was it a trap? He weighed the odds, then said icily, "Spread out; hide behind trees and bushes. Stop whoever is coming . . . or die."

Around him shuffled twelve Urgals with short swords and round iron shields painted with black symbols. They resembled men with bowed legs and thick, **brutish** arms made for crushing. A pair of twisted horns grew above their small ears. The monsters hurried into the brush, grunting as they hid. Soon the rustling quieted and the forest was silent again.

The Shade peered around a thick tree and looked up the trail. It was too dark for any human to see, but for him the faint moonlight was like sunshine streaming between the trees; every detail was clear and sharp to his searching gaze. He remained unnaturally quiet, a long pale sword in his hand. A wire-thin scratch curved down the blade. The weapon was thin enough to slip between a pair of ribs, yet stout enough to **hack** through the hardest armor.

The Urgals could not see as well as the Shade; they groped like blind beggars, fumbling with their weapons. An owl screeched, cutting through the silence. No one relaxed until the bird flew past. Then the monsters shivered in the cold night; one snapped a twig with his heavy boot. The Shade hissed in anger, and the Urgals shrank back, motionless. He suppressed his distaste—they smelled like fetid meat—and turned away. They were tools, nothing more.

The Shade forced back his impatience as the minutes became hours. The scent must have **wafted** far ahead of its owners. He did not let the Urgals get up or warm themselves. He denied himself those luxuries, too, and stayed behind the tree, watching the trail. Another gust of wind rushed through the forest. The smell was stronger this time. Excited, he lifted a thin lip in a snarl.

"Get ready," he whispered, his whole body vibrating. The tip of his sword moved in small circles. It had taken many plots and much pain to bring himself to this moment. It would not do to lose control now.

Eyes brightened under the Urgals' thick brows, and the creatures gripped their weapons tighter. Ahead of them, the Shade heard a clink as something hard struck a loose stone. Faint smudges emerged from the darkness and advanced down the trail.

Three white horses with riders **cantered** toward the ambush, their heads held high and proud, their coats rippling in the moonlight like liquid silver.

On the first horse was an elf with pointed ears and elegantly slanted eyebrows. His build was slim but strong, like a rapier. A powerful bow was slung on his back. A sword pressed against his side opposite a quiver of arrows **fletched** with swan feathers.

The last rider had the same fair face and angled features as the other. He carried a long spear in his right hand and a white dagger at his belt. A helm of extraordinary craftsmanship, **wrought** with amber and gold, rested on his head.

Between these two rode a raven-haired elven lady, who surveyed her surroundings with poise. Framed by long black locks, her deep eyes shone with a driving force. Her clothes were unadorned, yet her beauty was **undiminished**. At her side was a sword, and on her back a long bow with a quiver. She carried in her lap a pouch that she frequently looked at, as if to reassure herself that it was still there.

One of the elves spoke quietly, but the Shade could not hear what was said. The lady answered with obvious authority, and her guards switched places. The one wearing the helm took the lead, shifting his spear to a readier grip. They passed the Shade's hiding place and the first few Urgals without suspicion.

The Shade was already savoring his victory when the wind changed direction and swept toward the elves, heavy with the Urgals' stench. The horses snorted with alarm and tossed their heads. The riders **stiffened**, eyes flashing from side to side, then wheeled their mounts around and galloped away.

The lady's horse **surged** forward, leaving her guards far behind. Forsaking their hiding, the Urgals stood and released a stream of black arrows. The Shade jumped out from behind the tree, raised his right hand, and shouted, "Garjzla!"

A red bolt flashed from his palm toward the elven lady, illuminating the trees with a bloody light. It struck her steed, and the horse toppled with a high-pitched squeal, plowing into the ground chest-first. She leapt off the animal with inhuman speed, landed lightly, then glanced back for her guards.

The Urgals' deadly arrows quickly brought down the two elves. They fell from the noble horses, blood pooling in the dirt. As the Urgals rushed to the slain elves, the Shade screamed, "After her! She is the one I want!" The monsters grunted and rushed down the trail.

A cry tore from the elf's lips as she saw her dead companions. She took a step toward them, then cursed her enemies and **bounded** into the forest.

1. **From lines 13-16**, identify one phrase which uses simile.

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2. **From lines 18-19**, explain the phrase 'they groped like blind beggars, fumbling with their weapons', in your own words.

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3. **From lines 29-35**, which 4 word phrase shows that the Urgals were preparing themselves?

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4. Which of the words below is an antonym for the word 'unadorned', **from line 49**?

- (a) Fancy
- (b) Undecorated
- (c) Beautiful
- (d) Adorable

5. **From lines 48-55**, who is the leader amongst the 3 elves? How do we know this?

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6. Who did the Shade want to capture?

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7. Match the words in **bold** from the passage above to its respective meanings below.

(a) To fit an arrow with feathers.	
(b) To move quickly and powerfully.	
(c) To cut into pieces in a rough and violent way, often without aiming exactly.	
(d) Made or done in a careful or decorative way.	
(e) To move quickly with large jumping movements.	
(f) Large, strong and beastly.	
(g) To become nervous and less relaxed.	
(h) Not lessened.	
(i) A horse moving at a fast and comfortable speed.	
(j) A smell or smoke moving gently through the air.	

8. Fill in the blanks with the vocabulary words you have learnt from **question 8**.

- (a) The moment Jimmy heard his teacher call out his name, his whole body _____ as he knew she caught him cheating in his test.
- (b) The group of children rushed towards the gingerbread house _____ with varying types of candies, only to be eaten by a pack of wolves right before they entered.
- (c) Gary's dad works as a wood cutter, he goes to the forest every morning to _____ wood.
- (d) Shermaine could hear her tummy grumble as the smell of spicy noodles _____ through the air.
- (e) The bodybuilder has _____ arms and a robust body.
- (f) The archer's loving husband _____ her arrows with blue feathers of every shade.
- (g) The young teacher's patience remained _____ as she taught her group of students a challenging Mathematics equation.
- (h) The prince and his guards _____ into the village on their white ponies in search of Cinderella's brother.
- (i) The crowd of shoppers _____ into the mall the moment the doors were opened as Barbie was having a huge sale.
- (j) A warren of bunnies _____ down the steep stairs and tumbled into each other at the bottom of the steps.

Grammar

A) Write the noun forms of the adjectives below, then form a sentence for each.

Example: *Lucky - Luck*

*John felt **lucky** when he won the lottery yesterday.*

*Four leaf clovers are traditionally a symbol of good **luck**.*

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2. Strong

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3. Young

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4. Kind

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5. Dangerous

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6. Guilty

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