

# R3c. Can provide developed explanations for key information, events, character actions and motivations

## Therapy test 3

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

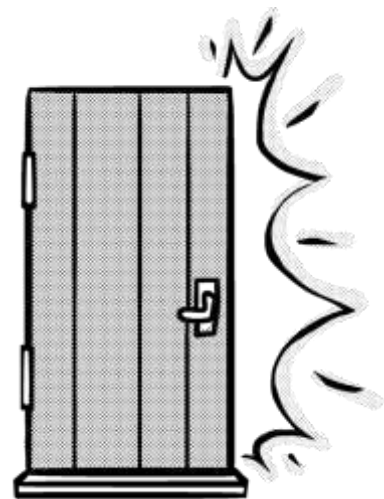
**Wild Cat**

... With anger prickling his eyes, Jed dived out of the room. Slamming the back door behind him, he sprinted down the short garden path, through the gate and out on to the hillside.

It was a good couple of minutes before he slowed down. By this time, he was deep into the dense tangle of ferns that covered the Beacons, following one of the many narrow sheep trails that pushed through the undergrowth. Although shoulder-height to an average grown-up, the ferns were taller than him, so Jed knew he was well-hidden. Best of all, very few people ever ventured far from the paths and tracks that led hikers around these popular, picturesque hills, so he knew that he would be blissfully alone.

By the time he had reached his secret den in the small, grassy clearing, his breathing had calmed down to a normal rate and his heart had stopped thumping against his ribs. He dropped to his knees and crawled into the rough shelter he had built the previous week out of sturdy branches, interwoven with leafy twigs.

Why did Mum always attract such idiots? Was it something about her, or did all boys grow up to be selfish know-it-alls, he thought to himself as he began to practise the deep breathing that Mum had taught him to do whenever he was feeling stressed. As he listened to his breath filling his lungs then flowing out again, he relaxed so much he thought he could hear himself purring.



1. How was Jed feeling at the beginning of the extract?

Explain your answer fully, using evidence from the text.

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2. ... *he knew that he would be blissfully alone.*

How did he know he would not be found? Give **two** different reasons, using evidence from the text.

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### Earthquakes

Any violent shaking of the earth's surface is alarming as we have come to expect the ground to be solid and stable. There can be natural causes such as landslides or even man-made ones such as explosions. Perhaps the most destructive and terrifying, however, are earthquakes. They can have a number of different possible causes, but the most common is the shifting of the planet's surface along its fault lines. This is because the earth's crust is not made up of one single shell, but a jigsaw of massive areas of land known as 'tectonic plates'. Where these meet, there is some scope for movement, and even the slightest shift can release an enormous amount of energy – enough to shake whole cities to the ground.



3. According to the text, what could cause the earth's surface to shake, apart from earthquakes? Give **two** causes.

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4. What causes the release of the '*enormous amount of energy*' seen in earthquakes. Explain your answer fully, using evidence from the text.

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**Answers:**

1. Jed was feeling angry. Answers can be supported by any of the following points:
  - *With anger prickling his eyes, Jed darted out of the room.*
  - *Slamming the door ...*
  - *By the time he had reached his secret den ... his breathing had calmed down to a normal rate and ...*
  - *his heart had stopped thumping against his ribs.*
  
2. Any two of the following points:
  - *... he was deep into the dense tangle of ferns.*
  - *The ferns were taller than him, so Jed knew he was well-hidden.*
  - *... very few people ever ventured far from the paths ...*
  
3. Answers should mention natural and man-made causes and make reference to the following points:
  - Landslides
  - Explosions.
  
4. Answers should include reference to at least two of the following points:
  - The earth's crust is not made up of one single shell.
  - The earth's crust is a jigsaw of massive areas of land known as 'tectonic plates'.
  - Where the plates meet, there is some scope for movement.
  - When the plates shift, energy is released.