

# Grade 9 English

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## HOMEWORK 3 SUGGESTED ANSWERS


### Selection 1

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How does Dashner's writing depict Thomas's vulnerability?

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Thomas is extremely vulnerable because he is tossed into the claustrophobic environment of a dark ascending lift. Not only is he lost physically, he is also lost psychologically. He experiences psychological confusion because he suffers from a peculiar amnesia that has not entirely erased his memory, but causes him to recall strange, taunting faces. There is also an acute sense of physical vulnerability, because his groans and physical resistance – the desperate pounding on the walls – seem insignificant against the cold, metallic structure of the lift.



## Selection 2


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Describe the new environment in which Thomas finds himself. How would you feel if you were in Thomas's position? Briefly describe your thoughts and feelings and explain your reactions.



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The social environment in which Thomas suddenly finds himself is ambiguously presented. Although there are “helping hands,” his new “companions” snicker and stare at him, even physically taunting him. The physical environment, however, is clearly sinister. There is a disorienting contrast between the vastness of the courtyard and the enormous surrounding walls. There is also a strange mixture of disarray and intimidating design. Even though the walls are covered in ivy, they form a perfect square around the people in the courtyard, and each side has an opening in the exact middle.



## Selection 3

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a) Why is Thomas surprised by the clothing in the Glade?



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Having just been tossed into an unfamiliar, apparently hostile environment of the Glade, it is understandable that Thomas would expect the people to wear prison uniform. However, the leader of the group wears casual civilian clothes, and even wears a digital watch. Because Thomas had been tossed into the Glade against his will, it is reasonable that he would expect to find himself in a dehumanizing environment.

