

Quick Check

The Thing in the Forest

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Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. What is the main problem in the story?
 - Ⓐ Qynn is chased by a scary creature.
 - Ⓑ Qynn loses her friends.
 - Ⓒ The creature falls from the cliff.
 - Ⓓ Qynn falls from the cliff.
2. What is the meaning of **lurking**?
 - Ⓐ waiting in silence
 - Ⓑ jumping over an object
 - Ⓒ moving around in hiding
 - Ⓓ looking in a specific direction
3. In the beginning of the story, Qynn realizes that _____.
 - Ⓐ she cannot see in the forest
 - Ⓑ she lost the key to the door
 - Ⓒ she will never return home
 - Ⓓ she is not in the Hollow
4. How do the illustrations reinforce the setting's effect on the story?
 - Ⓐ They illustrate that Qynn has trouble seeing in the dark.
 - Ⓑ They show how the dark forest and shadows create a spooky feeling.
 - Ⓒ They present the extreme nature of Qynn's pain and anger.
 - Ⓓ They show that the forest is a safe place because it is bright and lively.
5. Read this sentence: *The **bulbous** blister seemed to form over night.* What does the word **bulbous** mean?
 - Ⓐ huge or heavy
 - Ⓑ round, swollen, or enlarged
 - Ⓒ swift and smooth
 - Ⓓ absolute, total, or complete

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| <p>6. What are Qynn's feelings by the end of the story?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ She feels safe and content in the forest. Ⓑ She is confident that she will soon reunite with her friends. Ⓒ She feels angry with her friends and isn't looking for them. Ⓓ She realizes that she is alone and in a strange place. <p>7. What detail from the story shows that Qynn is frightened of the creature?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ She is blinded by the sight of the creature. Ⓑ She doesn't have time to turn around and stop. Ⓒ She is frozen with fear and curiosity. Ⓓ She opens her eyes and sees branches all around her. | <p>8. How does the setting contribute to Qynn's characterization?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ The enclosed forest emphasizes her feelings of being alone and afraid. Ⓑ The daylight forest reveals how her feelings change from fear to confidence. Ⓒ The threatening forest reveals her feelings of hurt and betrayal. Ⓓ The bright forest emphasizes her feelings of relief and hope for the future. <p>9. What was the author's purpose for writing this story?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ to persuade readers to avoid all forests Ⓑ to entertain readers with a suspenseful story Ⓒ to inform readers about how to escape from predators Ⓓ to entertain readers with a story about unlikely friends |
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10. What is the cause of the creature's fall at the end of the story?

- Ⓐ It falls off the bridge and into the fog.
- Ⓑ A mammoth creature rescues Qynn.
- Ⓒ The young girl slays the creature.
- Ⓓ The trees the creature is holding break.

11. Extended Response: What is the point of view of this story? Justify your answer with at least three details from the text. Then describe how the story would be different if told from a different point of view.

12. Extended Response: Explain how the story would be different if it took place in another setting, such as a desert.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

The Thing in the Forest*Main Comprehension Skill: Analyze Setting*

1. Ⓐ *Problem and Solution*
2. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
3. Ⓓ *Sequence Events*
4. Ⓑ *Analyze Setting*
5. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
6. Ⓓ *Analyze Character*
7. Ⓒ *Analyze Character*
8. Ⓐ *Analyze Setting*
9. Ⓑ *Author's Purpose*
10. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
11. Answers will vary but should identify the point of view as first person. Answers will identify three details from the story to justify this answer, such as the use of the pronoun *I*, the use of Qynn as narrator, the revelation of Qynn's thoughts and feelings from her own perspective, specific thoughts and feelings referenced, and so on. Answers will end with a description of how the story would change with a different perspective, for example, told in third person, or told from the creature's point of view.
12. Answers will vary according to personal experiences and opinions, but will include examples of the chase in a different scenario and the creature failing by other causes such as a cactus, snake, and so on.