

11.01.21 – Independent learning task. Return to Miss Fraher

3c. Can provide developed explanations for key information, events, character actions and motivations

Read the text and answer the questions below. Use the spaces provided to write your answers or put a tick or number in the correct box.

Where the grass is greener

Why were sheep so stupid? There was plenty of grass on these hills. The sturdy dry-stone walls offered a sense of security. There was simply no need to go wandering off; no need at all.

Young Billy Moss cursed his luck. It wasn't his fault he'd fallen asleep. Hadn't he been watching these blasted sheep since daybreak for over a week now? Mind you, leaving the gate open would take a lot of explaining. No, there was nothing for it; he'd just have to find the silly creature himself. So, making sure the rest of the flock was safely enclosed, he set off.

Low cloud was beginning to swirl around the blunt, rocky peaks as he ventured further down the bleak hillside towards the wooded valley. Of course, he was used to the fickle weather of the dales, but familiarity couldn't patch a ragged jacket or keep out the rain. What really sent a shiver through his scrawny body, however, was a faint wailing sound, drifting up on the swirling breeze.

'No such thing as ghosts,' Billy said out loud without fully convincing himself. Anyway, he reasoned, who heard of ghosts coming out during the hours of daylight? Probably one of those devilish weaving mills, he thought. The valleys were peppered with them, using the swift-flowing streams to drive their infernal machines. Most of the time, you could see their tall chimneys belching out thick smoke, but not now; the dense, dank mist saw to that.



1. Why was it Billy's fault that the sheep had escaped?

Give **two** different reasons. Explain your answer fully, using evidence from the text.

2. What made Billy shiver?

Give **two** different reasons. Explain your answer fully, using evidence from the text.

What is sleep?

When you are sleeping, your body is resting – so much so that nearly all of your muscles relax, except for the ones which control your vital functions, like breathing and blood circulation. What’s more, your brain takes a break and you slip into a state of unconsciousness. That doesn’t mean that you’re completely dead to the world: even though you’re able to shut out most of what’s going on around you, your body can still respond to some stimulation, like cold, bright light or your mum shouting that you’re going to be late for school.



3. What happens when you sleep?

Give **two** key points. Use evidence from the text to support your answer.
