

**Miss Fraher's Reading group**

**Tuesday 19/01/21**

**Title: To accurately and selectively summarise main ideas, events and information from fiction**

Read the text and answer the questions below.

**Wild Cat**

'He doesn't say much, does he?'

*He* was watching the news. *He* was getting annoyed. *He* was trying to listen to what the presenters were saying: something about a dangerous animal that had escaped from a private zoo.

'He' was Jed. But 'He' could have been his actual name as far as Mum's latest boyfriend, Ashley, was concerned. That or 'Mate'. Jed never seemed to get called anything else.

Since Dad had abandoned them, Jed had seen a succession of boyfriends come and go. Some made more of an effort to bond with him than others, but they all bolted sooner or later. From some of the angry words exchanged in the final shouting matches, Jed wondered whether he might be part of the problem, but Mum never blamed him.

Jed knew that he should be better at keeping his temper. Sometimes he saw the signs early enough to remove himself from tricky situations, as Mum had suggested. Slipping out of the back gate for a walk on the hillside was his favourite escape route. Too often, however, he felt cornered and lashed out. He knew it was wrong to scratch and hiss and spit, but for some reason, he only remembered that too late.

1. Which of the following would be the most suitable summary of Jed's feeling towards Ashley?

Tick **one**

Indifference

Frustration

Disappointment

Fondness

2. Which of the following would be the **most** suitable summary of this extract?

Tick **one**

A boy troubled in life

The importance of walking and exercise

An animal escaping from a zoo

Jed's Mum's new boyfriend

3. Which of the following would be the most suitable summary of Ashley's character?

Tick **one**

Friendly

Angry

Shy

Thoughtless