

Daily Reading: How to Skin a Bear 1

The video focuses on the skill of retrieving information from a text. Children watch the video relating to Chapter 1. They may choose to answer the questions on their activity sheet, they could think about the answers, or you may prefer to talk about them together. If they want to write down their answers, they can pause the video to give them time to write. Answers or example answers are included below. There are also some questions they may wish to answer at the end of the video. It will be useful for them to have the eBook in front of them (included in this pack) to find the answers to these questions.

Watch Video



This activity sheet relates to the [Daily Reading video for Chapter 1](#). Other videos for this eBook will be available [here](#) once all the sessions are published.

Chapter 1

During the Video



1. Who is in charge of the tribe? (p.4)

Bent Tree is the tribe's chief.

2. What is the name of Bee's dad's sister's man? (p.4)

Breath of the Vulture

3. Can you tell me two facts about Tumbling Pebble? (p.4)

He is Vulture's brother. He makes shelters by weaving sticks and furs.

4. How do the tribe elders prepare for the ritual? (p.7)

They put on their best furs and their deer skull masks.

5. What does Bee find funny in the Ritual? (p.7)

She thinks Bent Tree looks funny wearing the mask. She thinks that it looks as if the lion mask is eating her face.

After the Video



6. Why does Dad throw a dead duck at Bee? (p.1)

He wants her to pluck the feathers out of the duck because that's her job.

7. What does Bee think is unfair about her situation? (p.2)

She hates being the youngest in the tribe and having to do the boring job of plucking feathers when she sees those around her doing more exciting jobs like hunting.

8. Why is Bee disappointed with Bent Tree? (p.5)

Bee feels that Bent Tree should not have let Rat get away with his bad behaviour. Bee thinks Bent Tree should have hit him with her walking staff.

9. What information can you gather from the text about Glinting Fang? (p.7-8)

Example answer: Glinting Fang killed a cave lion with one swipe of her axe. She was fierce, strong and her actions saved the tribe. She is remembered in a song.

Deeper Reading



10. 'Breath of the Vulture is a very young man.' True or false? Explain why you think this.

Example answer: I think this statement is false. I think this because it says that his face is 'weathered'. Weathered means worn away over time by the effects of the weather so it is unlikely that Breath of the Vulture is very young.

11. Why does Dog lick Bee's hand 'consolingly'? (p.8)

Example answer: He wants to console her (make her feel better) because he thinks she is feeling like she isn't good enough in comparison to Glinting Fang. Also, her dad has just told her off for making fun of the lion's skull so he could be consoling her about that.

Related Activity



Each day, an English activity relating to the part of the story covered will be provided. These worksheets have activities of increasing difficulty to complete with a Part A, a Part B and an additional challenge. For these worksheets, your child might decide to complete Part A only, to start at Part B or to complete all parts of the worksheet. Answers are provided below.

Related Activity for Chapter 1: **Unenjoyable Jobs Activity Sheet.**

Children explore the idea of how Bee hates plucking feathers for her tribe by thinking about other unenjoyable Stone Age jobs and/or writing a letter of persuasion as if they are Bee. This activity sheet can be viewed on the screen and completed on paper if you don't have a printer available.

Answers



Part A

Example answers:

scrubbing skins

collecting firewood

starting a fire

drying fish

smoking meat

making clothes

skinning animals

making a tent

cooking

making weapons

Ordering – children's own responses

Part B

Example answers:

Tent II,

Open Plain on the Way to the Rock of the Long Sun,

Near a Forest

Central Tent,

Open Plain on the Way to the Rock of the Long Sun,

Near a Forest

5 suns after we started travelling, summer

Dear Tribe Elders,

I am writing to ask **if you would consider allowing me to do some other jobs in the tribe. At the moment, I only pluck the feathers from ducks and I would love to try something new. I hope I can persuade you that this would be a good idea.**

One reason I think I should be allowed to do other jobs is that **I am getting very bored with plucking feathers. It is so monotonous pulling out hunk after hunk of feathers and it can be a smelly job too. Sometimes the feathers even get stuck in my teeth. I really do detest this job and I'd love to try something new.**

Another reason I think I should be allowed to do other jobs is that **I think I would do a great job helping with other tasks. Even though I'm tired and have sore feet from walking, I am young, fit and enthusiastic and desperate to get involved in the work of the tribe. I would love to try hunting because I can run very quickly. I have a well-trained dog who would assist me in this role and I know that I would help to bring lots of meat back to the tribe.**

I don't mind what job I do but I have so many skills to offer and plucking duck feathers is making me so unhappy and grumpy. I hope you can give me the opportunity to try something different.

Thank you for reading my letter and for considering my request.

Yours faithfully,

Bee

Challenge Task

Example answer:

**Central Tent,
Open Plain on the Way to the Rock of the Long Sun,
Near a Forest**

Tent II

**Open Plain on the Way to the Rock of the Long Sun,
Near a Forest**

5 suns after we started travelling, summer

Dear Bee,

Thank you for your letter. We are sorry to hear that you are not enjoying your job and we have discussed this situation.

We feel that by the end of this summer you will be able to slowly start to add other tasks to your day. We understand that plucking feathers can be repetitive but we really do need you to get us more duck skin in the next few weeks, as the tribe are short of underpants.

We are not saying that you will never be able to do other jobs. When we have enough duck skin to make more underpants for everyone, we will think about giving you a different job.

Thank you for your hard work. We look forward to discussing other jobs with you very soon.

Yours sincerely,

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The Elders