

e-future PYP Readers

LEVEL 6-3

Hanging On, Letting Go



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A Match the words to the correct definitions.

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| 1. cable | • | • | a. to reach out your arm, leg, etc. in order to reach something |
| 2. female | • | • | b. to make something (like your body) steady by keeping weight equal on all sides. |
| 3. participate | • | • | c. a thick, strong rope made of wires that are twisted together |
| 4. balance | • | • | d. a way of making someone experience something unpleasant because they did something bad. |
| 5. dangle | • | • | e. of or relating to the sex that can produce young or lay eggs |
| 6. stretch | • | • | f. to be involved with others in doing something |
| 7. punishment | • | • | g. to hang down loosely |

B Write the synonym for the given word. Change the form if needed.

effortlessly stage champion straightforward proceed

- Wen was the sit-up champion of the school.
winner
- The challenge seemed straightforward to Maria.
simple
- Gibbons swing effortlessly from branch to branch.
easily
- After this, there's only one stage left of the ropes course.
part
- Alex proceeded across the cable in a swinging motion like a gibbon.
continued

C Write the correct word to complete the sentence.

up to

in (X2)

for

at

onto

1. They were participating in Venture Quest, a three-week program.
2. Holding onto the rope, Alex took another few steps on the cable.
3. He had to stand in water up to his neck with grapes dangling near his mouth.
4. Wen was surprised at how far down the ground looked.
5. What are those pieces of rope for ?
6. The dangling ropes look like they're in reach, but they're really not.

D Complete the sentences with when or whenever. (If both are possible, use *whenever*.)

when vs. whenever

Use *when* if an event only happened once or the date and time it happened is known.

- You were correct **when** you said the dangling ropes were out of reach.

If an event is repeated and its date or time is NOT known, you can use *whenever*. It means "every time that" or "at whatever time that."

- **Whenever** Tantalus bent down for a drink, the water level lowered so he couldn't drink it.
- And **whenever** he reached up for the grapes, the vines raised up so he could never get them.

NOTE: If *whenever* is possible, then *when* is often possible too. (The reverse is not true.)

1. When I was 5, I loved watching cartoons.
2. Whenever we need some advice, we ask our dad.
3. Will missed his friends when he was studying abroad last year.
4. Tami is smiling whenever I see her.
5. Whenever I get bored, I play games on my phone.

A Answer the questions. (pp. 2-7)

1. What do the students have to do for the day's task?

- a. Use ropes to climb a tall tree
- ☒ b. Walk across a cable using ropes for balance
- c. Swing from rope to rope using only their arms

2. What does Mrinal compare the challenges to?

He compares them to facing a tiger.

3. What does Alex correct Wen about?

- ☒ a. She tells him that there are no tricks, only challenges.
- b. She tells him that there is no reason to be afraid.
- c. She tells him that the day's task is actually pretty easy.

4. What is difficult about the challenge?

You can't reach the next rope until
you've let go of the one you're holding.

B Circle T for true or F for false. (pp. 6-11)

1. Alex demonstrates the task before the students try it. ☒ T / F
2. Tantalus was an ancient Greek who was punished for stealing. ☒ T / F
3. Of all the students, Wen was the most scared to try the challenge. T / ☒ F
4. The ropes in the tree are like Tantalus's punishment. ☒ T / F
5. The students had no safety line as they did the task T / ☒ F
6. Katie was the first to volunteer to do the task. T / ☒ F

C Circle the right answer and write it in the blank.

1. Tantalus's punishment involved grapes and water .
the food of the gods / grapes and water
2. The word "tantalize" means "tempt someone with something out of reach."
tantalize / brachiate
3. To complete the task, the students had to act like a gibbon .
tiger / gibbon
4. When Wen looked down from the tree, he felt afraid .
thrilled / afraid
5. Wen was able to finish the challenge.
able / unable

D Complete the summary with the correct words.

cable Hades fall dangling encourage scared let go

The next stage of the ropes course is called "the 1. dangling ropes." The students have to walk across a 2. cable high up in the sycamore tree. To help them, they must reach for a series of ropes. Each rope is just out of reach from the last one, so you have to 3. Let go of one rope to grab the next one. That is the frightening part. Maria says that it's like Tantalus's punishment in 4. Hades . However, there is a safety harness so that you can't 5. fall . The instructor, Alex, shows the students how to do it. Wen decides to go first. But when he tries to begin, he becomes 6. scared of falling. His feet fall from the cable so that he is hanging by the safety rope. Alex and the other students 7. encourage him and tell him how to get back up. He successfully completes the course.