

e-future PYP Readers

LEVEL 6-4

Swing High, Swing Low



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A Match the words to the correct definitions.

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| 1. encourage | • | • a. in an extreme or intense way |
| 2. actually | • | • b. to send something into the air |
| 3. mention | • | • c. to briefly speak or write about something or someone |
| 4. launch | • | • d. violent and dangerous |
| 5. profoundly | • | • e. to give someone confidence or courage |
| 6. vicious | • | • f. a remark about something you have noticed |
| 7. observation | • | • g. used when you are saying what is the truth of a situation |

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

apparent complete alarm hideous challenging

- You've almost _____ the ropes course. Well done!
finished
- Sorry—I didn't mean to _____ you.
scare
- I never thought a ropes course would be so _____.
difficult
- Then she noticed two things that hadn't been _____ at first.
obvious
- Terror change her face into a(n) _____ mask.
ugly

C Write the correct word to complete the sentence.

on in by from of into

1. One of her hands let go _____ the rope to wave to her friends.
2. The idea of adventure is a lot different _____ actually being in one.
3. Congratulations _____ having almost finished the course!
4. Her hands gripped the ropes so tightly, her knuckles turned white _____ fear.
5. Maria was afraid she would smack _____ the big branch.
6. Rob's head popped up _____ Maria's feet.

D Match the phrases to their meanings. Then fill in the blanks. Change the form if needed.

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| 1. That was the question on all their minds. | • | • a. The opposite is true |
| From their vantage point, | | b. to be able to; to get |
| 2. they could not see the way down. | • | • the opportunity to (do something) |
| 3. She'd get to walk down from the tree, nice and slowly. | • | • c. in someone's thoughts, especially in a worrying way |
| 4. Au contraire. The last is the best. | • | • d. looking from where someone is |
5. _____, we had a good view of the whole city.
 6. A: I think golf is one of the hardest sports.
B: _____. It's one of the easiest.
 7. On the last day of school every year, the kids _____ have parties and play games.
 8. Although she didn't say anything, I knew that Mom's problems at work were always _____.

A Circle T for true or F for false. (pp. 2-6)

1. The students are not worried about how to get down from the tree. T / F
2. Katie mentions a quotation about dealing with your fears. T / F
3. The students would prefer to stay in the tree all day. T / F
4. Rob explains to the students what campfire is. T / F
5. Today's task is the last stage of the ropes course. T / F
6. The ropes hanging from the tree are actually a swing. T / F

B Choose the best answers. (pp. 3-9)

1. **David predicts that the last stage of the course will be**
a. easy b. fun c. frightening d. boring
2. **The swing is**
a. just for fun
b. the way down to the ground
c. no longer usually used in the course
3. **Why does Alex suggest that Maria go first?**
a. Because she hasn't gone first before
b. Because she has done a good job so far
c. Because she said that the task looked simple
4. **What scares Maria when she gets in the swing?**
a. The sight of rocks on the ground
b. The lack of a safety belt
c. The fear that the swing would go too high
5. **How does Maria feel when the button doesn't work?**
a. Annoyed b. Embarrassed c. Scared d. Glad

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

1. The instructor Rob says that the last stage of the course is the _____ .
best / worst
2. The instructors _____ the students how the swing works first.
show / don't show
3. Maria is _____ about pushing the button.
excited / nervous
4. As Maria sits in the swing, her friends _____ .
encourage her / tell her to be careful
5. During the swing, Maria is afraid that she will _____ .
hit the tree / fall out

D Complete the summary with the correct words.

safe wondering courage rope smiles relieved face

The students are in the sycamore tree 1. _____ how they'll get down. They discuss how important it is to 2. _____ your fears, but they're also looking forward to being on the ground again. Rob shows them the swing they will use to get down. He tells them it is completely 3. _____ but the students are worried. Maria goes first, and Rob tells her that she needs to push a button to get started. She finds it hard to let go of the 4. _____ to push the button, but she does it. When nothing happens, she's 5. _____. However, Rob tells her to push it harder. Finally, Maria finds her 6. _____ and presses the button again. She falls through the air and swings back and forth. Realizing she's safe, Maria 7. _____ and waves to her friends.