

e-future PYP Readers

LEVEL 6-6

Blindsided



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A Write the correct word for each definition.

glare

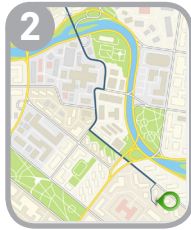
route

bandana

high-five

perspective

aid



1. Your perspective is how you view something because of where you are.
2. A(n) route is the specific way you get from one place to another.
3. To glare at someone is to give them a very angry look.
4. To aid someone is to help them.
5. A(n) high-five is a greeting or expression of admiration in which two people raise one of their hands and clap them together.
6. A(n) bandana is a brightly colored piece of cloth worn around the neck or head.

B Write the synonym for the given word.

superior

applause

equal

accept

1. Like a spider, her legs and arms are doing equal work.
same
2. Katie scaled the rock and waved from the top, to the applause of her helpers.
clapping
3. The course is supposed to be full of challenges and make me superior.
better
4. "Will you accept the challenge?" asked Alex.
take

C Write the correct word to complete the sentence.

into (X2)

round

for

to

over

1. Athena turned poor Arachne into a spider because she was so arrogant.
2. "We tie this end to our climbing harness, like this," she said.
3. Marsden reached the top, and the kids all cheered for him.
4. Alex took one of the colored climbing ropes that draped over the boulder.
5. "OK, everyone, gather round," said Alex.
6. Marsden stepped back and bumped into Alex.

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

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| 1. That's it in a nutshell | • | • | a. having even a little intelligence or common sense |
| 2. He looked like a criminal caught in the act. | • | • | b. explained in the fewest possible words |
| 3. Anyone with half a brain can do it. | • | • | c. seen while doing something wrong |
| 4. Marsden's jaw dropped. | • | • | d. to open your mouth in great surprise |

5. Since she was caught in the act, she didn't even try to claim she was innocent
6. It's a long story, but I'll try to tell it to you in a nutshell.
7. When I saw the amazing Grand Canyon for the first time, my jaw dropped.
8. Any person with half a brain can learn to use a smartphone.

A Answer the questions. (pp. 2-5)

- What are the students wondering at the beginning of the story?
 - ☒ How they will be able to climb the rock
 - Why they need to learn rock climbing
 - Whether climbing the rock will be their last challenge of the course
- Why does Carl tell Marsden he has a bad attitude?
 - Because he said he wouldn't climb the rock
 - ☒ Because he insulted Maria
 - Because he bumped into Alex and wouldn't apologize
- What is the word for someone who stands at the top and holds the rope while others climb?

That person is called a(n) belayer.

- What does Alex say you have to do before climbing any rock?
He says you have to read it first.

B Circle T for true or F for false. (pp. 6-12)

- Marsden seems very proud and arrogant. ☒ T / F
- Katie looks at the rock and explains the route she will take. ☒ T / F
- The students compare Katie to a spider because she has long legs. T / ☒ F
- Alex tells the students they can help Katie because they have a better perspective on the rock. ☒ T / F
- Marsden becomes less confident when Alex suggests he climb blindfolded. ☒ T / F
- Marsden does not accept the challenge and is embarrassed. T / ☒ F

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

1. Marsden thinks climbing the rock will be very easy .
~~very easy~~ / almost impossible
2. In top-roping, each climber has a climbing partner that keeps the rope taut.
safety harness / ~~climbing partner~~
3. Katie asks the others to tell her where to put her foot .
~~where to put her foot~~ / how far it is to the top
4. Alex ties the bandana around Marsden's eyes .
~~eyes~~ / neck
5. The other kids are happy when Marsden reaches the top.
~~happy~~ / disappointed

D Fill in the blanks and match the pictures to the sentences.



- 4** Katie has experience, so she goes first. She climbs so well that the others say she's a new species of spider called *Katarina formosa*.
- 1** The group looks at the rock and doesn't understand how they'll get to the top.
- 5** Alex challenges Marsden to climb the rock with his eyes covered. He accepts although he's scared, and the group helps guide him to the top.
- 2** When Marsden calls Maria's question stupid, Jin Kyeong gets very angry. She steps close enough to him that he has to step back.
- 3** Alex explains that they may like the challenge of rock climbing. She says that they'll have to learn to read Rock, as if rocks have their own language.