

Receptive Language Questions - Chapter 3

The Adventures of Guff - Scene 1

Guff was proud to be on his first hunt. It was a great honour for one so young. He crouched low in the bushes next to his father, uncle, and four other tribal members. Quiet as field mice, they moved into position. They were within a spear throw of a herd of mammoths.

The mammoths grazed on the long sweet grass, unaware of the hunters. Guff gripped his stone-tipped spear nervously and waited for the tribal elder to signal the attack. Crack! One of the tribe had stepped on a dry stick. Everybody froze. A bull mammoth whirled its great head around, alerted to the sound of the snapping stick.

The mammoth strode menacingly to where the tribe members crouched, and the ground shook with its approach. Guff could scarcely breathe. His heart thudded hard in his chest. The enormous animal sniffed the air above where he huddled.

Recall of Story Details

(The Adventures of Guff - Scene 1)

1. How close were Guff and the other tribesmen to the herd of mammoths?
2. How did Guff feel to be chosen to go on his first hunt?
3. What did the mammoths graze on?

4. What did a tribe member accidentally step on?
5. What did the ground do as the mammoth approached where Guff was hiding?

Express Pace Memory

(The Adventures of Guff - Scene 1)

1. Guff, the Neanderthal boy, was proud to be on his first_____
2. The tribe was within a spears throw of a_____
3. Guff gripped his spear nervously and waited for the tribal elder to_____
4. Crack! One of the tribe had accidentally stepped on

5. His heart thudded hard in his chest as the animal sniffed_____

Moments in Time

(The Adventures of Guff - Scene 1)

1. Which happened first, Guff crouched low in the bushes or the tribe moved into position?
2. Did Guff grip his spear before or after the signal to attack?
3. Did the mammoth whirl its head around before or after the tribe member stepped on the stick?
4. Which happened first, Guff's heart beat hard or the ground shook when the mammoth approached?
5. Did the mammoth sniff the air before or after it heard the stick snap?

Making inferences from the story

(The Adventures of Guff - Scene 1)

1. How much distance do you think a '*spears throw*' would be - a long distance or a short distance?
2. Why would Guff be feeling proud to be on his first hunt?
3. What does '*the tribe all froze*' mean in the context of the story?
4. What caused the ground to shake when the mammoth walked?
5. What does '*Guff's heart thudded hard in his chest*' mean? How was Guff feeling?

