

The Canyoneer Who Cut His Own Arm Off

(Colorado 2003)

1. Find and copy a word from the text which means the same as wearing away. (p.45)

Erosion

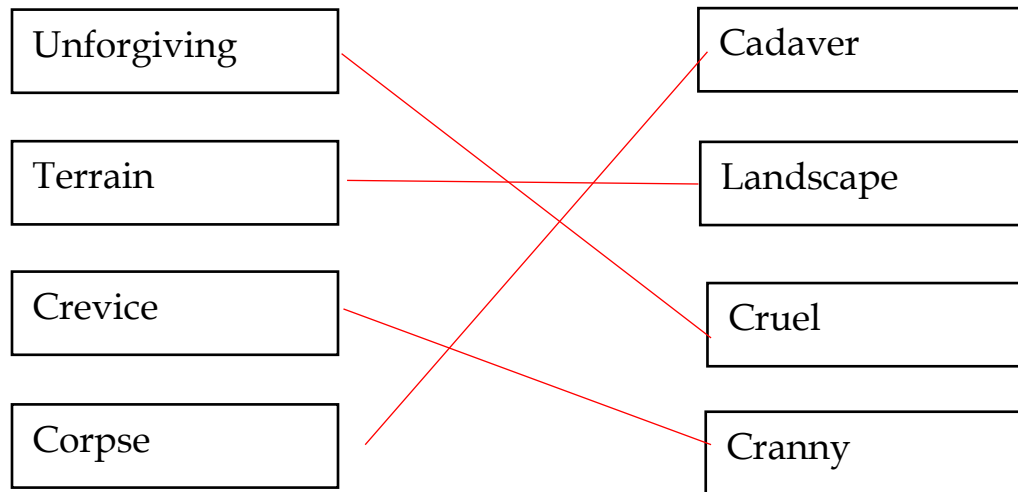
2. What is the effect of using the word '*abyss*' in the sentence, "*...trapped in a sheer-sided rocky abyss.*"

Using the word abyss emphasises how severe the situation was and how endless the crack seemed.

3. Tick whether each statement is true or false.

	TRUE	FALSE
The canyon was called The Blue Jack Canyon		x
No one knew Ralston was missing.	x	
Ralston cut his left arm off.		x
Ralston was helped by a family from the Netherlands.	x	

4. Draw lines to match the words from the text on the left with the word closest in meaning on the right.



5. Put the events of the story in the correct chronological order:

A Dutch family shared their food and water. 4

Ralston tried to stop the bleeding by tying a band tightly around his arm. 3

Ralston ran out of food. 2

Ralston told no one where he was going. 1

Ralston climbed the 60 mountain peaks in Colorado, which were higher than 14,000 feet. 5

6. Using evidence from the text, explain how Ralston felt when he realised he was trapped by the boulder. (p.46)

Ralston was in pain and he was furious (1 mark)

Ralston was suffering and in a lot of pain because it says in the text, "The pain was intense". He also would have been angry and very frightened because it says in the text, "In his ...fury he shouted", and "...even in his traumatised state..." (2 marks)

7. List 4 things involved in the sport of canyoneering:

Any 4 of the following

- *hiking*
- *climbing*
- *abseiling*
- *Swimming*
- *jumping*