

Cider with Rosie by Laurie Lee

'I Remember ...'

1. Find and copy a word that suggests Laurie Lee was completely confused.

bewilderment

2. Name two things that terrified the child.

i) The grass that was taller than him.

The grass that had sharp edges.

ii) The grasshoppers that leapt through the air like monkeys.

Birds that screamed.

3. Why has the writer compared the usually harmless countryside to a wild, dangerous countryside?

To make us feel how terrified he was to be alone in a place he was unfamiliar with where quite normal things were exaggerated to emphasise his isolation and panic, 'I was lost and did not expect to be found again.'

4. 'A tropic heat oozed up from the ground'. What does the word, oozed mean?

It means to pour out / to stream out / to leak out ...

5. 'overhead ran frenzied larks ...'

Which one of the following is closest in meaning to the word frenzied?

Tick One.

Angry

Wild

Crazy ✓

Loud

6. Towards the end of the text, Laurie Lee was relieved. Find one piece of evidence that shows this.

7. Copy a phrase that indicates a turning point in the text.

- From the daylight nightmare I was awakened.
- Faces of rose, familiar.
- Brushing off terror

8. 'Huge shining faces hung up like shields between me and the sky.'

What does this tell you about how the writer feels at the moment?

Shield are used for protection, so Laurie Lee felt saved when their faces loomed over him blocking out the terror happening in the sky. He felt comforted / overjoyed.

9. Using evidence from the text, compare how Laurie Lee felt when he was alone and then when his sisters arrived.

<u>ALONE</u>	<u>EVIDENCE</u>
a. Dismayed Terrified Scared	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I was out of sight of humans.• Alone in a world whose behaviour I could neither predict or fathom.• I put my head back and howled.• The sun smacked me in the face.
<u>WITH HIS SISTERS</u>	
b. Safe Relieved Happy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There, there it's all right.• Don't you wait anymore.• Come down 'ome.• And Marjorie, the eldest, lifted me into her long brown hair.