

ANSWERS: The Return of the King - Book V Chapter 1

Answer these questions in full sentences in your spelling book:

1. Find and copy an example of personification from the first paragraph.
“the wind sang” OR “the mountains of the South marched past”
2. In the first paragraph, how does Tolkien show that Gandalf and Pippin are moving quickly?
He uses verbs that describe quick movement, such as “was rushing”, which show that Gandalf and Pippin are travelling quickly. He also describes the sound of the wind, which emphasises how fast they are moving.
3. What does the phrase “men wilted with fear” in the second paragraph mean?
It means that the men were so scared of the “winged shadow” that they shrank away from it.
4. Why do you think Tolkien repeats the word “riding” in the second paragraph?
The repetition emphasises how much travelling Gandalf and Pippin have done.
5. What do you think the word “menacing” (end of the second paragraph) means? Check your answer in a dictionary.
Threatening
6. How do you think Pippin feels in the last paragraph of the extract? Explain your answer.
Something like - **He feels afraid. The verbs “cried” and “clutching” suggest he is frightened and the exclamation mark makes it seem as if he is shouting in fear.**
7. Do you think Pippin trusts Gandalf? Explain your answer.
Something like - **When Pippin is scared, Gandalf manages to comfort him. This shows Pippin trusts Gandalf. However, Pippin is worried about where he is being taken by Gandalf, so he doesn’t trust him completely.**