

**Distance Teaching and Learning**  
**Year 6 Reading – Week Commencing 11.5.20**

| Session Number | Book                                       | Reading Expectation   | Follow-Up Task   |
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| Session One    | The Maze Runner (2009)<br>by James Dashner | Please read pages 42 – 47 independently or to an adult. If you are finding the text too tricky to read, ask an adult to read it to you and share the book together. | Answer the following questions in full sentences.<br>1) What is the purpose of the Box? (p42)<br>2) Why does Thomas think he needs tape to put over his mouth? (p42)<br>3) In the text, on page 43, it says: He felt such a mixture of emotions – curiosity, frustration, wonder – all laced with the lingering horror of seeing the Griever that morning. What does the word ' <b>lingering</b> ' mean? Attempt to define the term without using a dictionary by reading around the word.<br>4) Thomas is disturbed by the idea of a graveyard in a place populated by teenagers. What two causes of death does Alby mention during the tour? (p46)<br>5) Why does the siren signal on page 47?<br>6) Why is everyone so confused when they hear the siren? (p47)   |
| Session Two    | The Maze Runner (2009)<br>by James Dashner | Please read pages 48 – 56 independently or to an adult. If you are finding the text too tricky to read, ask an adult to read it to you and share the book together. | Answer the following questions in full sentences.<br>1) In the text, on page 48, it says: He giggled as he elbowed Thomas in the ribs, a high-pitched snigger that inexplicably made Thomas like him more. What does the word ' <b>inexplicably</b> ' mean? Attempt to define the term without using a dictionary by reading around the word.<br>2) Thomas is a curious person. Find two pieces of evidence on page 52 to prove this statement is true.<br>3) Why are Newt and Alby so shocked by what is in the Box? (p53)<br>4) Thomas catches a quick glimpse of the girl. Using evidence from the text, what does she look like? (p54)<br>5) What does Thomas panic about at the bottom of page 55? (What concerns him about Newt and Alby's questioning?)<br>6) How did Newt, Alby and Thomas feel when the girl sat up and what evidence in the text makes you think this? (p56) |
| Session Three  | The Maze Runner (2009)<br>by James Dashner | Please read pages 57 – 64 independently or to an adult. If you are finding the text too tricky to read, ask an adult to read it to you and share the book together. | Answer the following questions in full sentences.<br>1) In the text, on page 59, it says: Thomas watched all this in mute contemplation. What does the word ' <b>mute</b> ' mean? Attempt to define the term without using a dictionary by reading around the word.<br>2) Why does Thomas hesitate when he answers Alby's question? (You ain't never seen her before?) (p58 – 59)<br>3) What is a gathering? (p60)<br>4) In the text, on page 62, it says: This intrigued him more than anything else he'd heard in a  |

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|                     |  |  | <p>while.</p> <p>What does the word <b>'intrigued'</b> mean? Attempt to define the term without using a dictionary by reading around the word.</p> <p>5) Thomas thinks that they are in the Glade because it is a prison. Chuck disagrees. (p62 – 63)</p> <p>a) Why does Thomas think it is a prison?</p> <p>b) Why does Chuck think it is not a prison?</p> <p>6) What do the boys in the Glade think beetle blades are for? (p64)</p>  |
| <p>Session Four</p> | <p>The Maze Runner (2009)<br/>by James Dashner</p> | <p>Please read pages 65 – 69 independently or to an adult. If you are finding the text too tricky to read, ask an adult to read it to you and share the book together.</p> | <p>Answer the following questions in full sentences.</p> <p>1) Using evidence from the text, why do you think the forest seemed creepy to Thomas? (p65)</p> <p>2) In the text, on page 65, it says: All the while, his eyes stayed riveted on the beetle blade scuttling across the forest floor.</p> <p>What does the word <b>'riveted'</b> mean? Attempt to define the term without using a dictionary by reading around the word.</p> <p>3) On page 66, what evidence is there that Thomas is brave?</p> <p>4) Why does one of the graves have a window over it? (p68)</p> <p>5) In the text, on page 68, it says: Instead of answering, the person gave up all pretence of stealth and started running.</p> <p>What does the word <b>'stealth'</b> mean? Attempt to define the term without using a dictionary by reading around the word.</p> <p>6) When Thomas is attacked, on page 69, it states: Thomas knew it had to be a Glader, someone who'd completely lost his mind.</p> <p>How does he know this? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.</p> |
| <p>Session Five</p> | <p>The Maze Runner (2009)<br/>by James Dashner</p> | <p>Please read pages 70 – 77 independently or to an adult. If you are finding the text too tricky to read, ask an adult to read it to you and share the book together.</p> | <p>Answer the following questions in full sentences.</p> <p>1) On page 70, what evidence is there that Ben is still ill?</p> <p>2) On page 70, what sight fills Thomas with relief?</p> <p>3) Why does Ben want to hurt Thomas? (p71)</p> <p>4) In the text, on page 74, it says: Thomas felt mopey and indifferent, his head aching, his body wanting more sleep.</p> <p>What does the word <b>'mopey'</b> mean? Attempt to define the term without using a dictionary by reading around the word.</p> <p>5) Why do the boys in the Glade work so hard according to Newt? (p75)</p> <p>6) On page 77, what is strange about the appearance of the runner?</p>   |

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| Session Number | Follow-Up Task Answers   |
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| Session One    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) The box is where supplies and newbies appear.</li><li>2) Thomas thinks he needs tape to put over his mouth because he wants to ask many questions. Alby does not like being asked questions and has told Thomas he is not allowed to ask any until the end of the tour.</li><li>3) Lingering means something that lasts for a long time.</li><li>4) Alby says that some boys have been killed by Grievers but that they will also kill anyone that breaks the first rule of the Glade, no one but runners are allowed in the maze.</li><li>5) The siren means that a newbie is coming up in the Box.</li><li>6) Everyone is confused because newbies usually come up once a month; it has only been one day since Thomas arrived.</li></ol>   |
| Session Two    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Inexplicably means that you cannot explain why something is so.</li><li>2) Thomas wanted to 'scream in frustration' when Chuck doesn't give him answers. 'Thomas watched in anticipation' because he was excited to find out who or what was in the Box.</li><li>3) Newt and Alby are shocked because it is a girl in the Box and because they think she is dead. There has never been a girl in the Glade before.</li><li>4) The girl has tar black hair, is fifteen or sixteen, one metre seventy, thin but not too small and has pale skin that is as white as pearls.</li><li>5) Thomas worries that Alby and Newt think that he killed the girl in the Box.</li><li>6) They all seem surprised when the girl sits up because they thought she was dead. Alby and Newt seem more shocked because they both move backwards and make noise. Thomas stays still and stares at her.</li></ol> |
| Session Three  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Mute means to be speechless (not speaking).</li><li>2) Thomas hesitates because something seems familiar about her and he feels a connection to her.</li><li>3) A gathering is a meeting between keepers, it is held when something weird or terrible happens.</li><li>4) Intrigued means to be curious or fascinated with something or to find something interesting.</li><li>5)<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Thomas thinks it is a prison because there is no way out, they are guarded by bloodthirsty monsters and their memories have been wiped which all seems like a punishment.</li><li>b) Chuck thinks it is not a prison because he is too young to have committed an awful crime and that there could be much worse places to live.</li></ol></li><li>6) The boys think beetle blades are allowing someone to watch them.</li></ol>                                    |

Session Four

- 1) Thomas mentions that the light quickly disappears; also, the air had a greenish tinge. This would be creepy.
- 2) Riveted means that he was completely engrossed by it, he could not take his eyes off it.
- 3) On page 66, Thomas hears a noise, he does not know what is making it and he feels a tingle of fear. Despite this, Thomas walks towards the sound.
- 4) One of the graves has a window over it because it serves as a warning to others. It helps teach Gladers not to try and escape through the Box.
- 5) When someone is being stealthy, they are being cautious, they are trying not to be heard or seen.
- 6) Thomas knows it is a Glader, as it is impossible for anyone else to get inside the Glade. He assumes that it must be somebody who has completely lost their mind as he has only just arrived so why would they attack him? There is no logical reason for anyone to harm him.

Session Five

- 1) Ben is very pale and his skin looks like it is stretched across his bones, which makes it sound as if he is too skinny. His veins are pulsing and green and his eyes bloodshot, this makes it seem like he is still ill.
- 2) Thomas feels relieved when he spots Alby with a bow and arrow on the edge of the graveyard.
- 3) Ben thinks that Thomas is bad and that Thomas will want to 'take them home' and leave the maze.
- 4) When someone is mopey they are in low spirits and sad and they wander around, refusing to cheer up.
- 5) Newt tells Thomas that they work hard in the Glade because if you get lazy, you will get sad and then give up. Keeping busy can take your mind off other things.
- 6) The runner has appeared at lunchtime, this is much earlier than runners usually return from the maze.