

**Distance Teaching and Learning**  
**Year 6 Reading – Week Commencing 18.5.20**

Session Number	Book	Reading Expectation	Follow-Up Task
Session One	The Maze Runner (2009) by James Dashner	Please read pages 78 – 82 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. 1) Why was Minho’s voice raw? 2) Why do you think Minho was the only one who could speak to Alby like this? 3) Why was Thomas surprised when Alby went to get Minho water? 4) Why is asking a runner if they found something usually a silly thing to ask? 5) What does the word demeanour mean? 6) How do you think the Gladers will react to the runners finding a dead Griever?
Session Two	The Maze Runner (2009) by James Dashner	Please read pages 83 – 89 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. 1) Why do you think Thomas didn’t understand why finding a dead Griever was a big deal? 2) Why did the author choose to write ‘Minho said, his words laced with annoyance’? 3) Give two reasons why Alby keeps questioning Thomas and ask him what he knows? 4) Why does Thomas feel guilty about Ben being the Slammer? 5) What impression do you have of Chuck after he smiled about Ben being banished? 6) What do you think the Gladers use the pole with a collar at the end for?
Session Three	The Maze Runner (2009) by James Dashner	Please read pages 90 – 93 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. 1) Why do you think Ben was crying? 2) ‘Every word from the kid was like a first punching Thomas in the gut’. Why does Ben’s words have this effect on Thomas? 3) Name 2 feelings Thomas felt about Ben’s banishment and explain why you think that Thomas was unable to watch Ben’s banishment? 4) Why was Ben condemned? 5) Throughout this whole chapter Ben has been petrified. How do you know this? 6) Why do the Gladers use banishment as a punishment?
Session Four	The Maze Runner (2009) by James Dashner	Please read pages 94 - 101 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. 1) Why do you think Thomas is surprised by Minho’s nonchalant reaction to the pole with a collar on? 2) True or false. You only need to be able to run fast to be a runner. Explain you answer. 3) What is special about the maze that makes the runner’s job so difficult? 4) Why do you think Thomas isn’t intimidated by Newt? 5) In the text on, page 100, can you find a synonym for clean?

			6) Why was Newt sarcastic towards Chuck when he actually had a good question? What does this tell you about what Newt thinks about Chuck?
Session Five	The Maze Runner (2009) by James Dashner	Please read pages 102 – 110 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>Answer the following questions in full sentences.</p> <p>1) Why does Thomas feel ‘a pang of guilt’ for Chuck being a Slopper?</p> <p>2) In the text, on page 104, it says: His new life pretty much sucked. Why does Thomas think his life sucks?</p> <p>3) What impression of Chuck do you get from him trying to comfort Newt about Alby and Minho being late back to the Glade?</p> <p>4) On page 106, how does the author show you Newt is frightened by the mention of sending a search party in to the maze?</p> <p>5) In the text, on page 106, it says: That night dinner proved to be a sombre affair, and it had nothing to do with the food. What does the word ‘sombre’ mean? Attempt to define the term without using a dictionary and read around the word instead.</p> <p>6) Why does Newt close his eyes and take a deep breath on page 107? What does this tell you about how he feels?</p>

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Session One	<p>1) Minho's voice was raw because he had been running for most of the day and was probably dehydrated seeing as he had only just got back.</p> <p>2) I think Alby lets Minho speak to him this ways because Minho was one of the first Gladers who arrived at the Glade, therefore I believe they became friends and mutually respect each other. Minho also has an important job as a runner and therefore is an important member of the Glade.</p> <p>3) I think Thomas thinks he knows Alby well. He thinks Alby is the leader of the Gladers and doesn't put up with anything from any of them. Thomas doesn't think Alby is the kind of person who fetches anything for anyone, he probably thinks it's the other way round.</p> <p>4) I think asking a runner if they found something is usually as silly question is because often runners don't find anything. Therefore the answer would normally be the same each time someone asked that question.</p> <p>5) Demeanour means the way you behave, so if you are friendly you would be described as having a friendly demeanour.</p> <p>6) I think the Gladers will be shocked when they find out the runners found a dead Griever. I also think they will want to see it and possibly see if they can find more information about it.</p>
Session Two	<p>1) Thomas didn't understand why finding a Griever was a big deal because he hadn't been in the Glade for that long. He didn't know that this is something that has never happened before.</p> <p>2) The author chose to use the words 'laced with annoyance' to show the reader that Minho didn't just look annoyed, he also sounded annoyed – he wasn't hiding his feelings from any of the Gladers.</p> <p>3) Alby keeps asking Thomas about what he knows because he doesn't trust Thomas. After Thomas arrived everything changed. Ben bit Thomas, the girl arrived the day after Thomas arrived and they found a dead Griever – these are all things that have never happened before Thomas arrived.</p> <p>4) I think Thomas feels guilty about Ben being in the Slammer for two reasons. One reason could be because he feels it is his fault that Ben is in the Slammer because Ben tried to bite Thomas. Another reason could be that he feels guilty for feeling relieved that Ben is locked up in the Slammer, as this means Ben won't be able to hurt Thomas.</p> <p>5) My impression of Chuck is that he is a kind character, however when he smiled about something as sinister as the banishing of Ben. I think Chuck is still a kind character, however I think him smiling about Ben's banishing shows his immaturity and he may enjoy the drama that a banishment brings, because it is something different from the normal activities of the Glade.</p> <p>6) What do you think the Gladers use the pole with a collar at the end for?</p>
Session Three	<p>1) I think Ben was crying because he was frightened. He had already suffered a sting from a Griever and he didn't want to suffer that again.</p> <p>2) Thomas felt that Ben's words were like a punch in the gut because he felt guilt and confusion about the punishment that Ben was about to receive.</p> <p>3) Thomas felt guilty and responsible for Ben's punishment because Ben had tried to bite him. He also felt confusion, because he wasn't completely sure what a banishment involved but knew it was a serious consequence.</p> <p>4) Ben was condemned because he was going to be banished and condemned means to be sentenced to a punishment, one that normally ends with death.</p> <p>5) I know Ben was terrified because the author described his voice as rising in desperation, he was begging, thrashing about, tearing at the collar, planting his feet to try and stop himself from going further into the maze and there was a madness in his eyes.</p> <p>6) Why do the Gladers use banishment as a punishment? The Glade is filled with teenagers who make the rules, there aren't any adults who help them to decide upon punishments. If they use the maze as a punishment then the Gladers don't have to be directly involved or see someone's death.</p>

Session Four	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) I think Thomas is surprised by Minho's nonchalant reaction to the pole with the collar on because Thomas still feels guilty about the banishment and is still haunted by it. He is surprised Minho hasn't been affected in the same way as him.</li><li>2). False. Newts states that runner's need to be smart, quick and strong. That they need to be good decision makers as well as not being reckless while also not being timid.</li><li>3) The maze changes every night, this makes it more difficult for the runner's to find their way back to the Glade before the doors close.</li><li>4) I think Thomas likes Newt, but I think he isn't intimidated by Newt because he doesn't think Newt will hurt him or so something horrible to him.</li><li>5) Sanitary</li><li>6) I don't think the Gladers take Chuck seriously, I think they find him annoying and they don't think he is very clever. Therefore, I don't think Newt thought that Chuck would ask a sensible question.</li></ol>
Session Five	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Thomas feels a pang of guilt because he feels guilty that Chuck is a Slopper. He has also noticed that Chuck tries to be everyone's friend and Thomas is glad to have Chuck around.</li><li>2) Thomas thinks his life sucks because all he can remember is the Glade and since he has arrived the girl arrived, Ben was bitten by a Griever and tried to attack him. I think he is also finding it difficult to find where he belongs.</li><li>3) When Chuck tries to comfort Newt, I get the impression that Chuck is a kind person. He knows Newt is worried about Alby and Minho and he tries to do his best to stop Newt from worrying.</li><li>4) The author shows Newt's fear by saying his cheeks have shrunk becoming sallow and dark.</li><li>5) Sombre means sad, so when the atmosphere was sombre it implies you can feel the sadness in the atmosphere.</li><li>6) Newt closes his eyes and takes a deep breath because he is angry, frightened and worried about Alby and Minho being late back to the Glade and is trying to calm himself down.</li></ol>