

**Distance Teaching and Learning**  
**Year 6 Reading – Week Commencing 08.06.2020**

Session Number	Book	Reading Expectation	Follow-Up Task
Session One	The Maze Runner (2009) by James Dashner	Please read pages 144 – 149 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) Thomas wonders, on page 144, whether it had been worth it to save Alby. Why does he think it might not have been ‘worth it’? 2) On page 144, it states that Thomas spends most of the day, “wallowing in despair”. What do you think this means? 3) Thomas feels a ‘surge of pride’ when he hears that the Gladers have been talking about him. Why would he feel proud? (p146) 4) On page 147, when Newt approaches Thomas and Chuck, he looks worried. Why? 5) On page 148, it says that Thomas felt, “this inexplicable feeling of connection with her” when he thinks about the girl. What do you think inexplicable means? 6) Newt told Thomas they were holding a gathering and it would be all about him. Why did he say they needed a gathering about Thomas?
Session Two	The Maze Runner (2009) by James Dashner	Please read pages 150 – 156 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) On page 151, Gally says that Thomas is a rule breaker. What rule did he break? 2) On page 152, two keepers share their opinions. One thinks that Thomas should be put on the council and the other does not know what should be done with Thomas. Can you name the keepers? 3) Why does Winston think that Thomas should be punished? (p153) 4) Why does Gally not like Thomas? (p155) 5) Thomas is glad when Minho stands up because, “surely he’d defend him to the end.” Why does Thomas think that surely Minho will defend him? (p156) 6) What does the word nominate mean? (p156)
Session Three	The Maze Runner (2009) by James Dashner	Please read pages 157 – 161 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) On page 158, Newt threatens to disband the council. What does the word disband mean? 2) Minho accuses Gally of being a hypocrite. Why does he think this? What does it mean to be a hypocrite? (p158) 3) Name 2 reason Minho thinks that Thomas should be the Keeper of the Runners. (p159) 4) On page 160, Gally’s “belligerence” is mentioned. What does it mean to be belligerent? 5) Why is Gally so sure that Thomas is a spy? (p161) 6) Gally stares maliciously at Thomas on page 161. How do you think Thomas would feel to be stared at in this way?

<p>Session Four</p>	<p>The Maze Runner (2009) by James Dashner</p>	<p>Please read pages 162 - 167 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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) What did Thomas think was worrying about Gally? (p162)</li> <li>2) Why did Thomas not talk and not share his opinion about Gally with the rest of the group? (p164)</li> <li>3) Why does Thomas consider letting a griever sting him? (p164)</li> <li>4) What two actions does Newt, the council leader, propose the council take regarding Thomas' behaviour? (165)</li> <li>5) How does Thomas feel when he finds out he's going to be a runner? Find a piece of evidence from the text. (p166)</li> <li>6) On page 166, it says: Minho faked an evil grin. "Worked, didn't it? Aim high, hit low. Thank me later." What do you think he means by this?</li> </ol>
<p>Session Five</p>	<p>The Maze Runner (2009) by James Dashner</p>	<p>Please read pages 168 – 173 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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Why did Thomas make a joke to Chuck on page 168?</li> <li>2) At the top of page 169, how does the author show the reader that Thomas is nervous?</li> <li>3) What reminds Thomas of, "a vague childhood memory of haunted-house movies"? (p169)</li> <li>4) Does Alby think living in the Glade or outside of the Glade is better? (p171)</li> <li>5) On page 172, it says: "the ordeal had truly ended." What do you think the word ordeal means?</li> <li>6) What advice does Alby give Newt before he drifts off to sleep? (p173)</li> </ol>

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Session One	<p>1) Alby is in so much pain that Thomas thinks Alby would not be grateful to have survived.</p> <p>2) Wallow means to lie in something. If you are wallowing in despair you are moping around or surrounding yourself with your sadness or despair.</p> <p>3) Thomas feels a moment of pride because he is getting attention for something he has done. He hopes they are impressed by his acts.</p> <p>4) Newt is worried because he is not sure how Alby will be after the Change.</p> <p>5) Inexplicable means that something cannot be explained or accounted for.</p> <p>6) They need a gathering about Thomas because all of the Gladers are talking about him. Half are very impressed and the other half think he should be punished.</p>
Session Two	<p>1) Thomas left the Glade after dark and went into the maze. This was breaking a rule of the Glade.</p> <p>2) Frypan thinks that Thomas should be given a place on the council. Zart does not know what should be done about Thomas.</p> <p>3) Winston thinks that Thomas should be punished because he broke a rule so he needs to become an example. They need to keep order.</p> <p>4) Gally thinks that Thomas is a spy, sent by the creators.</p> <p>5) Thomas thinks that Minho will defend him because they worked together to survive. Thomas came up with the idea that saved them and he also saved Alby.</p> <p>6) Nominate means to suggest or put forward someone for a position.</p>
Session Three	<p>1) Disband means that he will break up the council.</p> <p>2) Gally is a hypocrite because he wants Thomas to be severely punished for breaking a rule. Gally however, has also broken this rule and was not severely punished.</p> <p>3) Minho thinks that Thomas should be the Keeper because he did not panic in the maze. He did not seem to be scared and he did not whine or cry.</p> <p>4) If someone is belligerent starts fights, is aggressive or stubborn.</p> <p>5) Gally thinks that Thomas is a spy because he has been through the Changing and he's sure he's seen Thomas before.</p> <p>6) There is more than one possible answer to this question. I have written two possibilities below.</p> <p>a) Thomas felt scared because Gally is staring at him as if he wants to hurt him.</p> <p>b) Thomas thinks that Gally is crazy but he is no longer scared of him, not since he survived a night in the maze.</p>
Session Four	<p>1) Thomas thought Gally might be crazy and this was worrying because, "insane people could really be capable of anything."</p> <p>2) Thomas did not talk because he had been ordered to stay silent, he did not want to get into more trouble.</p> <p>3) Thomas thinks that if he lets a Griever sting him then he will go through the Changing. This means he would get his memories back and that it might be worth it.</p> <p>4) Newt suggests that Thomas is punished for one day, in the slammer. He also suggests that Thomas is made a runner.</p> <p>5) Thomas feels excited, "he felt a shiver of excitement."</p> <p>6) Minho 'aimed high' by suggesting that Thomas becomes the Keeper of the runners. This was an unreasonable request, by doing this the other Keepers sought to compromise by just making Thomas a Runner and promising to think about him being Keeper later. By 'aiming high' Minho tricked the Keepers into giving him what he actually wanted (Thomas as a runner). This is a well-known negotiating tactic.</p>

Session Five

- 1) Thomas made a joke to lighten the mood and to show that he wasn't afraid to go and see Alby. Even though he was.
- 2) The author writes that, "sweat slicked his palms, and he felt a drop trickle down his temple." This shows the reader that he is nervous.
- 3) The door creaking reminds Thomas of haunted-house movies.
- 4) Alby thinks living inside the Glade is better. I know this because he says, "why can't we just live here and be happy?"
- 5) An ordeal is a prolonged and unpleasant experience or event.
- 6) Alby tells Newt to protect the maps.