

Distance Teaching and Learning
Year 6 Reading – Week Commencing 15.06.2020

Session Number	Book	Reading Expectation	Follow-Up Task
Session One	The Maze Runner (2009) by James Dashner	Please read pages 174 – 188 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) What do these words mean? First try to define the word without a dictionary by reading around the word. a. entwined (pg174) b. sombre (pg175) c. oblige (pg176) d. stifle (pg 178) e. hackles (pg179) 2) On page 177, Newt says <i>I can see your wheels spinnin'</i> what does Newt mean by this? 3) In the text on page 178 it says <i>Thomas barked a sarcastic laugh at the idea, but Newt wasn't smiling.</i> Why do you think Newt wasn't smiling? 4) Why would Thomas be nervous about the girl waking up? (pg 179) 5) <i>Tom don't freak out on me.</i> What does this imply about the relationship between Thomas and Teresa? (pg 182) 6) In the text on page 182 it says, <i>They sent me as a trigger.</i> What does this mean? How is Theresa the trigger? What is she a trigger for?
Session Two	The Maze Runner (2009) by James Dashner	Please read pages 189 – 207 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) What do these words mean? First try to define the word without using a dictionary by reading around the word. a. obscure (pg189) b. jest (pg195) c. ominous (pg195) d. haphazardly (pg 202) 2) Find the simile on page 190 that describes the boredom Thomas feels? 3) On page 191, Thomas admitted to Chuck that he cried in the maze when he realised the Grievors were gone and he was safe. Why did he do that? 3) Why was Thomas surprised when Alby let him out of the Slammer on page 194? 4) What was the feeling Thomas had when he found out he may have been helping the Creators? What piece of evidence gives you the clue? 5) Why doesn't Alby agree with Thomas when he says <i>if I'm evil, maybe you should leave me locked up?</i> (pg196) 6) Minho reassured Thomas that a runner hasn't been killed in the maze for a long time. Why doesn't this reassure Thomas? (pg205)
		Please read pages 208 – 220 independently or to an adult. If	Answer the following questions in full sentences. 1) What do these words mean? First try to define the word without using a dictionary by

Session Three	The Maze Runner (2009) by James Dashner	you are finding the text too tricky to read, ask an adult to read it to you and share the book together.	<p>reading around the word.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> intrigued (pg209) intersection (pg209) wretched (pg214) commotion (pg216) fabricated (216) abyss (pg220) <p>2) On page 209, Minho kept cutting down ivy every time they made a turn, why did he do that? What did Thomas mean by breadcrumbs?</p> <p>3) How many attempts did it take for Thomas to match Minho's ivy cutting skills?</p> <p>4) Why was Minho's voice completely indifferent on page 212?</p> <p>5) Why does Thomas think there wasn't sun to begin with on page 216?</p> <p>6) When the world as they know it has changed, why would the runners still be doing their job?</p>
Session Four	The Maze Runner (2009) by James Dashner	Please read pages 221 - 235 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) What do these words mean? First try to define the word without using a dictionary by reading around the word.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> contemplative (pg221) chiding (p223) milling (pg225) recoiled (pg226) rebuke (pg226) wilted (pg234) <p>2) At the cliff on page 222, Minho and Thomas discovered something. What was it?</p> <p>3) Repeatedly on page 223, Minho and Thomas throw rocks at the same area. Why do they throw the rocks more than once?</p> <p>4) Why was Thomas surprised when Minho when straight to the map room on page 225? What was Minho's justification for going to the map room?</p> <p>5) Why did the author describe the feeling of the room being <i>walking through mud-thick water</i> on page 225?</p> <p>6) On page 228 it says <i>the maze is a code, Tom. The maze is a code.</i> What do you think that means?</p>
Session Five	The Maze Runner (2009) by James Dashner	Please read pages 236 – 251 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) What does these words mean? First try to define the word without using a dictionary by reading around the word.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> discernible (pg237) catalyst (pg238) concession (pg240) errant (pg243) doldrums (pg246)

			<p>f. avail (pg248)</p> <p>2) On page 236 Alby said <i>I want her locked up</i>. Why would Alby want Teresa locked up?</p> <p>3) Do you think it's a good idea to blow up the Griever hole? Yes or no. Give evidence to explain your answer.</p> <p>4) On page 245 the text stated, <i>The Changing had been aptly named</i>. What does that mean?</p> <p>5) What metaphor did the author use to describe the atmosphere of the Homestead, on page 249?</p> <p>6) Why do you think the Grievers came to the Glade? Did the Creators send them there? Why?</p>
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Session One	<p>1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Entwined means to be twisted or intertwined.b. Sombre can mean dark or dull in colour or having a feeling of deep seriousness and sadness.c. Oblige means to be morally bound to do something.d. Stifle means to make someone feel like they can't breathe properly.e. Hackles are were hairs point upwards along an animals back normally when they are angry or alarmed. <p>2) Newt can tell from Thomas's facial expression that he is thinking something, possibly something he doesn't want to share.</p> <p>3) I think Newt wasn't smiling because he wasn't joking when he mentioned Thomas being stung by Grievors just to go through the Changing.</p> <p>4) I think Thomas would be nervous about the girl waking up because he is frightened by the fact that he recognises her but can't remember her. Furthermore, maybe he is frightened that she will know things about him that he doesn't know about himself.</p> <p>5) I think this implies that Teresa and Thomas knew each other before they were sent to the Glade. I think this because she seems to know without being able to see Thomas that he is freaking out and only someone who knows him really well would be able to know that.</p> <p>6) I think being a trigger means that she has been sent to trigger change. When Teresa arrived in the Glade that is when everything started to change from what the Gladers were used to. I also wonder if she is the trigger that will help the Gladers escape the Glade.</p>
Session Two	<p>1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Obscure means something that is not known or something that is uncertain. It can also mean something that his concealed.b. Jest means something said or done for amusement, like a joke.c. Ominous describes a worry that something bad is going to happen.d. Haphazardly describes being unorganised. <p>2) The simile that is used to describe the boredom Thomas is feeling is "creep in like rats under the door".</p> <p>3) Thomas admitted he had cried in the Maze because Chuck was sharing something personal with him, he seemed to be crying as well. I think Thomas said this to reassure Chuck that Thomas cries as well and that he shouldn't be embarrassed.</p> <p>3) Thomas was surprised that Alby let Thomas out of the Slammer because the last time he had seen Alby, Alby hadn't looked very well. He had also seemed to have had a seizure and I think Thomas expected Alby to still be resting and recovering.</p> <p>4) The feeling Thomas felt was described as "Thomas felt like someone had just rammed their fist into his abdomen". I think this describes the dread and terror Thomas felt at the prospect of him having helped the people who put all the Gladers in the Glade.</p> <p>5) Alby doesn't agree with Thomas when he accuses himself of being evil, because he went into the maze knowing he would be locked inside the maze to save two people he didn't know that well. Alby explains that that is the opposite of evil.</p> <p>6) Although Minho was trying to reassure Thomas that a runner hadn't been killed in the maze for a long time, the thought of runners having been killed and the fact that the job of being a runner is clearly a dangerous one worries Thomas.</p>
Session Three	<p>1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Intrigued means to be curious.b. Intersection is like a cross roads, where a couple of roads meet.c. Wretched is a synonym for miserable.d. Commotion is a noisy disturbance which often stems from confusion.e. Fabricated often means when something is made up to deceive someone.

	<p>f. An abyss is a deep and seemingly bottomless pit.</p> <p>2) Minho was cutting down ivy so they would be able to find their way back to the Glade. Thomas mentions breadcrumbs because there is a fairy-tale called Hansel and Gretel and they leave breadcrumbs for the same reason, to find their way home.</p> <p>3) It took Thomas 10 attempts to almost match Minho's ivy cutting skills.</p> <p>4) Minho's voice is completely devoid of emotion because it's something he has seen and know about for a long time, whereas for Thomas it's something new and he thinks it could possibly be a clue.</p> <p>5) Thomas thinks there wasn't a sun to begin with because you can just remove a sun.</p> <p>6) When the world as they know it has changed, why would the runners still be doing their job? Even though the world has changed the runners do their job because they think they will find a way out through the maze. Seeing as everything is changing the Minho thinks it's even more important to find a way out, because without a sun their crops and animals will start to die.</p>
Session Four	<p>1)</p> <p>a. Contemplative describes being thoughtful.</p> <p>b. Chiding means to be critical.</p> <p>c. Milling means to be wandering around in confusion.</p> <p>d. Recoiled means to flinch back in fear, horror or disgust.</p> <p>e. Rebuke is a sharp disapproval or criticism.</p> <p>f. Wilted means to become limp. In the text Thomas wilted, so this means he wasn't standing tall, Alby's words made him almost cower.</p> <p>2) Minho and Thomas discovered that there is a hidden space at the cliff were rocks disappear, that must be how the Griever left.</p> <p>3) Minho and Thomas threw rocks at the space they found by the cliff to check they had seen the rock disappear and also to find out more information. By doing this they found out approximately how big the area was.</p> <p>4) Thomas was surprised Minho went straight to the map room because he expected Minho to go and find Alby and Newt to tell them about what they had found out in the maze. Minho's justification was that they are runners and they still have a job to do.</p> <p>5) The author described the feeling being <i>walking through mud-thick water</i> because the feeling in the room was that strong that Thomas could feel it as he walked like walking in mud-thick water. This implies the strength of the atmosphere in the room.</p> <p>6) Teresa tells Thomas that the maze is a code. I think she means that the changing of the maze means more than trying to confuse the runners. I think maybe if you look at the maps altogether instead of one at a time you might find the exit.</p>
Session Five	<p>1)</p> <p>a. In the text discernible means there had been no distinguishable change it what had happened.</p> <p>b. A catalyst is something that creates change.</p> <p>c. A concession is a thing that has been granted. Newt had compromised and had given the concession that Teresa may only have to stay in the Slammer for the night.</p> <p>d. In this text errant means straying. Newt guided the Gladers like straying chickens.</p> <p>e. Doldrums means depression or gloomy mood. Alby had finally snapped out of his gloomy mood.</p> <p>f. Avail means help or benefit.</p> <p>2) Alby feels that Teresa is the reason everything is changing and why the doors haven't shut. He thinks she is dangerous.</p> <p>3) Yes – I think it's a good idea to blow up the Griever hole. This is where the Griever left the maze, maybe it is where the Griever come from. If they blow up the whole maybe they won't have to deal with the danger of the Griever.</p> <p>No – I think it isn't a good idea to blow up the Griever hole because this could be their only way to escape the Glade and the Maze. If they blow it up they could be stuck there forever, with no way to get any supplies and without the sun to grow their crops.</p> <p>4) Thomas thinks the changing has been aptly named because Alby has changed in more ways than one. He looks different and he is behaving differently than</p>

before.

5) The metaphor the author uses to describe the atmosphere of the Homestead is *overpowering suffocating blanket of misery*.

6) I think the Grievors were sent by the Creators to make the Gladers find a way out. Maybe the experiment (whatever the experiment is for) is over and they want to force the Gladers to do something that they don't want to do – like jump through the Griever hole.