

Distance Teaching and Learning
Year 6 Reading – Week Commencing 22.06.2020

Session Number	Book	Reading Expectation	Follow-Up Task
Session One	The Maze Runner (2009) by James Dashner	Please read pages 252 – 266 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) In the text, on page 256, it says: <i>Thomas was almost more afraid of their surprise visitor than he was of the Grievers just outside the window.</i> Why do you think Thomas feared Gally almost more than the Greivers?</p> <p>2) In the text, on page 256, it says: <i>He pulled up just short of the threshold of the Maze.</i> What does the word 'threshold' mean? Attempt to define the term without using a dictionary by reading around the word. Does the sentence or paragraph the word is in give you a clue at the definition?</p> <p>3) Shortly after surviving the Griever attack, Newt says: <i>...right now we've got worse problems.</i> What problem or 'problems' was Newt referring to? (p257-258)</p> <p>4) What was Thomas' reaction to this news and what was his reasoning for reacting like this? (p258)</p> <p>5) In the text, on page 258, it says: <i>He stood outside the window of the Slammer, having left Newt and Minho when they went to investigate the sabotage of the Map Room.</i> What does the word 'sabotage' mean? Attempt to define the term without using a dictionary by reading around the word. Does the sentence or paragraph the word is in give you a clue at the definition?</p> <p>6) In the text, on page 265, it says: <i>Minho glanced at Newt, his eyebrows raised in question. Newt nodded.</i> Minho and Newt were withholding information from Thomas, but what was the secret they were keeping from him? (p265-266)</p>
Session Two	The Maze Runner (2009) by James Dashner	Please read pages 267 – 280 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 were Minho and Newt's reactions to Thomas revealing the theory he and Teresa had come up with about the Maze spelling out letters for some kind of code? (p268)</p> <p>2) Why did Thomas cover up the fact Teresa was speaking to him in his mind? Why did he pretend he didn't have voices in his head and decide to not tell the others? (p270)</p> <p>3) Thomas felt disappointment at Minho's suggestion of running the Maze again. What was Minho's reasoning for him and Thomas exploring the Maze some more instead of working on the maps? (p273)</p> <p>4) In the text, on page 273, it says: <i>That piqued Thomas's interest – he had been wanting to do that.</i> What does the word 'piqued' mean? Attempt to define the term without using a dictionary by reading around the word. Does the sentence or paragraph the word is in give you a clue at the definition?</p>

			<p>5) When it was decided that Thomas wouldn't explore the Maze on his own, but instead, would accompany Minho, Thomas felt '<i>so relieved he was ashamed of himself</i>'. What is meant by this? Why would he feel ashamed of himself for feeling this way? (p274)</p> <p>6) Thomas had a brief urge to tell Minho that he and Teresa had been speaking with each other through their minds, but resisted the temptation to do so. His reasoning was: <i>Throwing telepathy into the whole situation didn't seem like the grandest of ideas</i>. What did Thomas mean by this? (p279)</p>
Session Three	The Maze Runner (2009) by James Dashner	Please read pages 281 – 292 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 was it about Adam's death that made Thomas feel guilty? (p282)</p> <p>2) Thomas felt stupid for hoping Teresa would be happy to see him when he returned to the Map Room. Why did he consider himself stupid for briefly thinking and feeling this way? (p283)</p> <p>3) What was Thomas' idea which he regarded as '<i>the worst idea in the history of horrible, terrible, awful ideas</i>'? (p285)</p> <p>4) Why do you think Thomas decided to keep his idea hidden from the others, even deciding against sharing it with Teresa? (p285)</p> <p>5) Why did Thomas refuse to talk to anyone for the rest of the day? (p286)</p> <p>6) Why couldn't Thomas believe that Teresa was <i>actually</i> sleeping? (p287)</p>
Session Four	The Maze Runner (2009) by James Dashner	Please read pages 293 – 305 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 was Thomas thrilled when Teresa claimed she hated him for the last couple of days? (p295)</p> <p>2) In the text, on page 296, it says: <i>He wanted to give her some hope, no matter how scarce</i>. What does the word 'scarce' mean? Attempt to define the term without using a dictionary by reading around the word. Does the sentence or paragraph the word is in give you a clue at the definition?</p> <p>3) In the text, on page 296, it says: <i>Newt shook his head, his face a mixture of anger and awe</i>. Why did Newt feel these two contrasting emotions towards Thomas?</p> <p>4) At the start of the Gathering, Alby told Thomas not to '<i>beat-around-the-bush</i>'. What does he mean by this? (p298)</p> <p>5) What did Thomas remember after the Changing? Summarise the main points that he shared with the Keepers during the Gathering. (p299-302)</p> <p>6) Why did a lump form in Thomas' throat? What is meant by this? (p305)</p>
Session Five	The Maze Runner (2009) by James Dashner	Please read pages 306 – 320 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 did Alby accuse Thomas of doing upon hearing that Thomas' plan was to go through the Griever Hole? (p306)</p> <p>2) Why was Alby crying? (p307-308)</p> <p>3) What was Thomas' reasoning for volunteering himself to be sacrificed? (p311)</p> <p>4) In the text, on page 312, it says: <i>Newt frowned, his eyes suddenly filled with compassion</i>. What does the word 'compassion' mean? Attempt to define the term without using a</p>

			<p>dictionary by reading around the word. Does the sentence or paragraph the word is in give you a clue at the definition?</p> <p>5) What alternative plan did Newt suggest to Thomas and then the rest of the Keepers? (p312)</p> <p>6) Find one piece of evidence on page 314 which shows that Thomas was nervous about the plan they were going to carry out later that night.</p>
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Session One	<p>1) Thomas almost feared Gally more than the Grievors because ever since the Changing, he had turned even more unpredictable and psychotic than before. In the text it says, 'Gally's eyes raged with lunacy', 'He looked about the room like a rabid dog searching for someone to bite' and it described the others as watching on in shock as he staggered about. This tells me the Gally cleared isn't sane and is dangerous, capable of killing. The fact that he has always hated Thomas and previously threatened to kill him, probably made Thomas fear him more than the Grievors as he almost expected Gally to target and attack him.</p> <p>2) Threshold means any doorway or entrance, or the lower horizontal part of an entrance or doorway, especially one made of stone or hardwood.</p> <p>3) The worse problem Newt was referring to was that somebody had burned the Map Room with the Map trunks inside.</p> <p>4) Thomas' initial reaction to the burning of the maps was that he didn't care – he thought they seemed pointless anyway.</p> <p>5) Sabotage means the deliberate destruction or damage of equipment, for example, by enemy agents.</p> <p>6) Minho and Newt had secretly hidden the maps in the weapons room and put dummies in their place. They were concerned about their safety after Alby's warning and Teresa triggering the Ending.</p>
Session Two	<p>1) Minho and Newt were underwhelmed and unimpressed by Thomas' theory. Minho let out a frustrated sigh and reminded Thomas that they had already studied the maps many times before while Newt laughed, stating that while he himself wasn't the sharpest guy in the Glade, he thought Thomas was talking a load of nonsense.</p> <p>2) Thomas thought the others would think he was a lunatic (a foolish, annoying or insane person) if he was hearing Teresa's voice in his head so he kept the secret hidden.</p> <p>3) Minho thought he and Thomas should run the Maze again as, of all days, that day might be the most important one. Minho stated that something might have changed or something might have opened up. With the walls not closing any more, he suggested Thomas' idea of staying out overnight and exploring deeper might reveal something new.</p> <p>4) Piqued means to have excited someone's curiosity or interest; to have grabbed their attention.</p> <p>5) Thomas felt relieved because he secretly preferred to explore the Maze with Minho, as opposed to going out on his own. He was ashamed of himself for feeling this way because he acknowledged that this showed he was secretly scared and clearly not as brave as he wished he could be.</p> <p>6) It didn't seem like the grandest (or best) of ideas to tell Minho about his telepathy with Teresa as everything was weird enough already. Strange events had occurred ever since the pair arrived in the Glade and suspicions had already been aroused – revealing their 'supernatural abilities' might make the Gladers even more sceptical and untrusting of them.</p>
Session Three	<p>1) After Adam was taken and killed by Grievors, Thomas felt guilty for not feeling any emotion. He felt no sense of remorse or loss, as people tend to when someone passes away. He didn't even know the guy's name and wasn't moved by his death. He felt bad for feeling like this.</p> <p>2) Thomas felt stupid for briefly thinking about Teresa's reaction to his return as he realised it was a selfish thought; solving the code and escaping the Maze was a far more important issue.</p> <p>3) Thomas terrible idea was to get himself deliberately stung by Grievors so that he could go through the Changing and remember some memories, to help the Gladers make sense of the code and hopefully find a way out.</p> <p>4) I think Thomas decided against sharing his idea with the others – including Teresa – as he knew they would probably try and talk him out of it. They would probably try and find an alternative which didn't involve Thomas experiencing such pain, however, he knew it was the only option remaining.</p> <p>5) Thomas refused to talk to any one for the rest of the day for a number of reasons: he was psyching himself up for what he had planned for that evening, convincing himself it was the right thing to do; and he was terrified and didn't want the others to notice.</p> <p>6) Thomas couldn't believe that Teresa was actually sleeping because The Gladers were anticipating their nightly attack from the Grievors. Thomas couldn't believe that she could relax enough to fall asleep when most of the others – none more so than Thomas – were on edge in anticipation of the Griever attack.</p>

<p>Session Four</p>	<p>1) Thomas was thrilled when Teresa said she hated him for the last few days as the fact that she was so worked up and annoyed at him was disguising the fact that she was secretly really concerned. Her intense reaction shows how much she cares and how emotionally invested she is in Thomas. He was happy about this because he cares about her and was looking for reassurance that she felt the same; this confirmed it.</p> <p>2) Scarce means hardly any at all.</p> <p>3) Newt felt anger at Thomas for secretly plotting to get himself stung and for risking his life for the benefit of the others, and he felt awe, which means amazement or wonder, towards Thomas, as he admires him for his selfless act of bravery and courage – deliberately getting himself stung by a Griever.</p> <p>4) To beat-around-the-bush means to waffle on and recall lots of unnecessary details within a story or piece of information; Alby wanted Thomas to get straight to the point.</p> <p>5) Thomas remembered that the Creators are testing the Gladers and that the Maze was never meant to be solved. The whole process is a trial and the winners – or survivors – are required for something important. Something bad happened in the world and the boys, who are all of above-average intelligence, were taken when they were young as ‘orphans raised by scientists’. They are all named after famous scientists or historical figures. All of the Gladers are being analysed to see how they cope in the Glade and how they react to different ‘variables’. Thomas also revealed that he and Teresa were with the Creators when they invented the Maze.</p> <p>6) A lump forming in your throat means you are emotional or choked up (usually on the verge of crying). Thomas felt this way as he was relieved and overwhelmed by the reaction of the Keepers in the Gathering: he was expecting the boys to turn on him for revealing that he helped create the Maze, however, the boys reacted positively, showing empathy towards Thomas. This reaction touched Thomas emotionally and clearly meant a lot to him.</p>
<p>Session Five</p>	<p>1) Alby accused Thomas of secretly being a spy, sent to the Glade to kill everyone. He accused Thomas of deliberately getting himself stung in order to trick the Gladers and gain their trust.</p> <p>2) Alby was crying because he was the one who burned the Map Room and he felt terrible about doing so. He did it because he had seen glimpses of his past during the Changing and claimed that the world outside the Glade was awful and wasn't worth going back to. He tried to sabotage plans to escape so that the Gladers could remain in the Glade.</p> <p>3) Thomas volunteered himself to be sacrificed as he was racked with guilt – guilt at having designed the Maze and putting all the Gladers in this terrible situation. (He also volunteered himself as he secretly hoped he would be able to out-wit the Grievers and escape before they killed him)</p> <p>4) Compassion means a feeling of distress and pity for the suffering or misfortune of another.</p> <p>5) Newt's alternative plan was that the Gladers would still go through the Griever Hole and fight off any Grievers, but he refused to allow Thomas to sacrifice himself. He suggested no one be sacrificed, instead, the Gladers should all go in together, taking their chances.</p> <p>6) Thomas was clearly nervous about the plan as ‘his stomach tightened into a knot’ at the thought of carrying out what he had suggested.</p>