

**Distance Teaching and Learning**  
**Year 6 Reading – Week Commencing 29.06.2020**

Session Number	Book	Reading Expectation	Follow-Up Task
Session One	The Maze Runner (2009) by James Dashner	Please read pages 321- 332 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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) On page 321 it says, “Thomas found himself sitting next to Chuck, absently picking at his food.” What does the word absently suggest about how Thomas is eating and how he is feeling?</li> <li>2) On page 322, Thomas reminds Chuck about his promise and says he will keep it. What has Thomas promised Chuck?</li> <li>3) On page 322, it says, “Newt was in charge, but he could be a loose cannon sometimes.” What does Thomas mean by loose cannon?</li> <li>4) On page 323, which character seemed the least scared to Thomas?</li> <li>5) Why does Thomas think Alby sacrificed himself? (p.330)</li> <li>6) How do the Gladers know that Alby’s sacrifice failed?</li> </ol>
Session Two	The Maze Runner (2009) by James Dashner	Please read pages 333 – 343 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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) On page 334 and 335, how does the author show us (not tell us) that Chuck is very afraid.</li> <li>2) On page 335, it says that, “The sounds echoing off the walls were a cacophony of terror.” What do you think the word cacophony means?</li> <li>3) How does Thomas react when a Grievers appears inside the small room? (p. 340)</li> <li>4) Thomas sees Teresa, “frantically typing away at the keyboard. He knew immediately that something is wrong.” Why did this make Thomas think that something was wrong?</li> <li>5) On page 343, what does Chuck spot that Teresa and Thomas both missed? Why does he notice it when they didn’t?</li> <li>6) Find and copy one word that tells you that Thomas is interested in the button and stops thinking about the fact that a Grievers is about to kill him. (p. 343)</li> </ol>
Session Three	The Maze Runner (2009) by James Dashner	Please read pages 344 – 355 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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) At the end of page 345, Thomas is left questioning whether their actions can be considered a victory. Why does he think this?</li> </ol> <p>When the Gladers come out of the chute, they land in a room, “covered in all kinds of machinery and wires and ducts and computers.” (p.348)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2) What does this make you think about the place that the Gladers land? What kind of place is it?</li> <li>3) What do you think ducts are?</li> <li>4) On page 349, it says that a, “a deathly silence,” falls over the Gladers. Why?</li> <li>5) On page 351, a mysterious woman enters and her, “condescending tone shocked</li> </ol>

			<p>Thomas.” What do you think the word condescending means?</p> <p>6) Why does Gally throw the knife? (p352)</p>
Session Four	The Maze Runner (2009) by James Dashner	Please read pages 356 - 366 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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) On page 356, the author writes that Chuck had been like a talisman for Thomas. What do you think he means by this? What is a talisman?</li> <li>2) On page 359, as they escape, Thomas describes the rain. Can you find 3 words/phrases he uses to describe it.</li> </ol> <p>On page 362, the author writes that they: “drove at reckless speeds.”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3) What do you think the word reckless mean?</li> <li>4) Why do you think they are driving at reckless speeds?</li> <li>5) On page 365 Thomas is, “pondering words like flare and sickness and experiment and scorch and WICKED.” What do you think the word pondering means?</li> <li>6) On page 366, Thomas was watching the other Gladers happiness but found it difficult because: “he was having such a hard time feeling it himself.” Why is Thomas not as happy as the other Gladers?</li> </ol>
Session Five	The Maze Runner (2009) by James Dashner	Please read pages 367 - 371 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>In the epilogue, Ava Paige says that she knows who she thinks should be the leader of the Gladers. There are only 20 Gladers remaining and we know that includes Newt, Thomas, Teresa, Frypan and Minho. Who do you think should be the new leader of the group? Write a paragraph explaining why they should be the leader.</p> <p>Include: 1 paragraph, the non-negotiables, subordinating conjunctions (I SAW A WABUB), information about their past actions and information about their personal qualities (confidence, smart, honesty, courage etc.)</p>

## Mark Scheme

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Session One	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Absently suggests that Thomas is not concentrating on his food so he is either not hungry or thinking about other things. He may be worrying about what will happen later.</li><li>2) Thomas has promised to get them all out of the Glade and get Chuck back to his family.</li><li>3) When a person is referred to as a loose cannon it means that someone is unpredictable and loses control at times. It can also mean that they cause damage.</li><li>4) Thomas thought that Minho seemed the least scared.</li><li>5) Thomas thinks that Alby sacrificed himself because he was so afraid of what might be outside of the Maze. The memories he got during the changing were worse than his memories from inside the Maze so he didn't want to go out there.</li><li>6) The Gladers know that Alby's sacrifice failed because the Grievers start to attack them.</li></ol>
Session Two	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) The author says that Chuck relished the idea of staying with Thomas, he also says that Chuck answers Thomas, "quickly – too quickly." This shows that he is afraid to go into the battle but that he is also ashamed of how he feels. It is also mentioned that he doesn't say anything, "perhaps for the first time in his life." Referring to the fact that Chick is normally very talkative.</li><li>2) The word cacophony means that there are a mixture of sounds; it only refers to sounds that are unpleasant.</li><li>3) When a Griever appears, Thomas pushes Chuck behind him, he then tries to kill the Griever whilst shouting at Teresa to hurry up.</li><li>4) I think Thomas knows something is wrong because Teresa is still typing frantically. He had been fighting the Griever for a while and she had enough time to type in the words, as there were not that many. If she is still typing and is frantic that means that it has not worked yet.</li><li>5) Chuck notices that there is a button that could be pushed. Neither Thomas nor Teresa had noticed it because they were so focused on typing in the code words.</li><li>6) Consumed</li></ol>
Session Three	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Although they Gladers have achieved their goal, of finding a way out of the maze and stopping the Grievers, many of them have died in the process. Thomas is probably wondering whether the victory was worth that many deaths.</li><li>2) This question asks for your opinion. It makes me think that the creators have a lot of technology. It also makes me wonder whether they are in a laboratory of some kind, as it does not seem to be very homey.</li><li>3) A duct is a tube or a passageway. Buildings often have ventilation ducts. In Bowmansgreen, some of the KS1 classrooms have heating ducts.</li><li>4) On page 349, the Gladers notice that many people are watching them from outside windows.</li><li>5) When someone is condescending, they are talking down to someone and they are assuming that they are superior.</li><li>6) Gally claims that he throws the knife because they made him. They are controlling his body in the same way that Alby's body was controlled earlier in the story.</li></ol>
Session Four	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) A talisman is something or someone that brings good luck or inspires others. Chuck inspired Thomas to want to get out of the maze. He also represented the dream of a better life outside of the maze.</li><li>2) Thomas describes the rain as being: warm, having a weird thickness, ferocious and deluge.</li><li>3) If someone is behaving recklessly, they are ignoring danger and are acting without thought.</li><li>4) He may be driving dangerously because the danger of driving at fast speeds in bad weather is less than the danger of being caught or the danger that the other people seem to be.</li><li>5) The word pondering means to think about something carefully, usually before a decision is made.</li><li>6) Thomas feels safe and is happy to be eating pizza and be out of the maze but he cannot stop thinking about Chuck's sacrifice. He cannot be happy</li></ol>

because of this.