

Pre-reading work

Match the words to their closest synonym.

withdrew

craned

recesses

profound

incessant

distinctive

companion

merest

nooks

left

friend

stretched

distinguishing

smallest

intense

constant

Skimming and scanning for information

Find the words above in the text below and highlight them.

“NINETY-EIGHT – NINETY-NINE – ONE HUNDRED.” Gloria withdrew her chubby little forearm from before her eyes and stood for a moment, wrinkling her nose and blinking in the sunlight. Then, trying to watch in all directions at once, she withdrew a few cautious steps from the tree against which she had been leaning.

She craned her neck to investigate the possibilities of a clump of bushes to the right and then withdrew farther to obtain a better angle for viewing its dark recesses. The quiet was profound except for the incessant buzzing of insects and the occasional chirrup of some hardy bird, braving the midday sun.

Gloria pouted, “I bet he went inside the house, and I’ve told him a million times that that’s not fair.”

With tiny lips pressed together tightly and a severe frown crinkling her forehead, she moved determinedly toward the two-story building up past the driveway.

Too late she heard the rustling sound behind her, followed by the distinctive and rhythmic clump-clump of Robbie’s metal feet. She whirled about to see her triumphing companion emerge from hiding and make for the home-tree at full speed.

Gloria shrieked in dismay. “Wait, Robbie! That wasn’t fair, Robbie! You promised you wouldn’t run until I found you.” Her little feet could make no headway at all against Robbie’s giant strides. Then, within ten feet of the goal, Robbie’s pace slowed suddenly to the merest of crawls, and Gloria, with one final burst of wild speed, dashed pantingly past him to touch the welcome bark of home-tree first.

Summarise

Summarise the text in less than 15 words.

1. "she moved determinedly towards..."

Find and copy another group of words on page 1 that suggests Gloria feels determined.
(1 mark)

2. Who is Robbie? Use evidence from the text to support your answer. (3 marks)

3. What game are Robbie and Gloria playing? How do you know? (2 marks)

4. Gloria **pouted**, "I bet he went inside the house, and I've told him a million times that that's not fair."

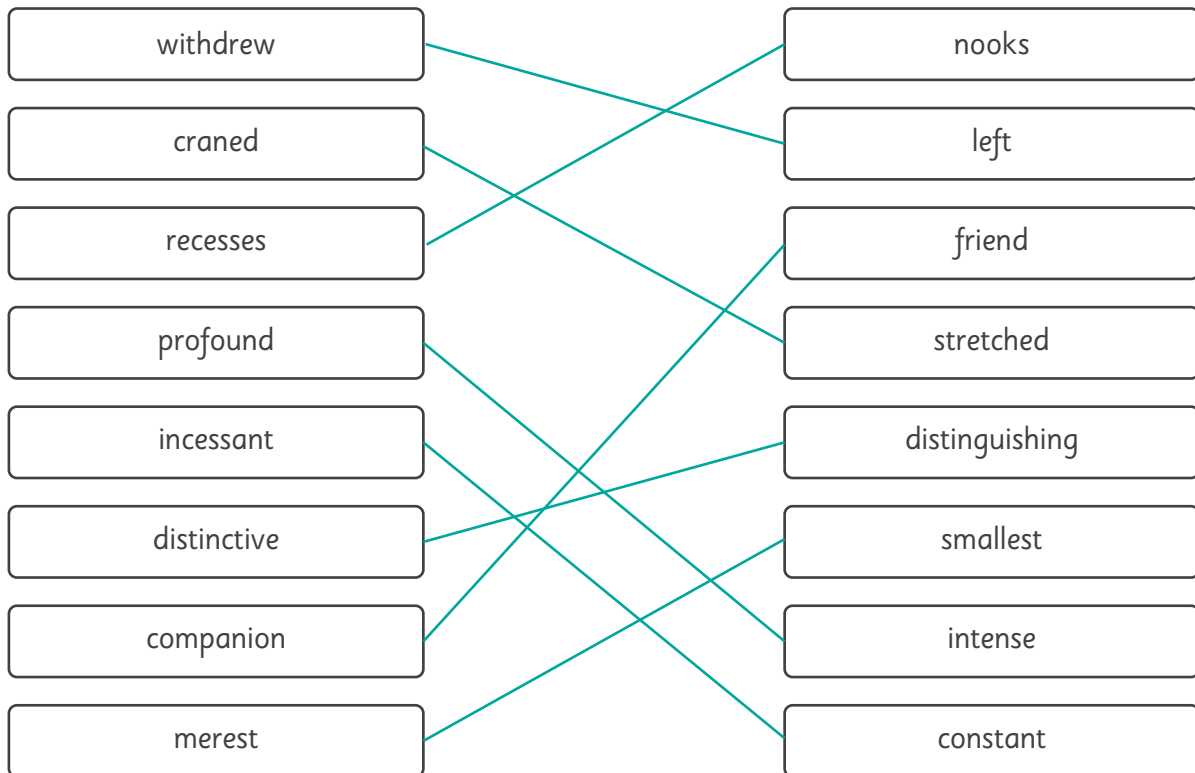
What does the word 'pouted' suggest about how Gloria is feeling? (1 mark)

5. Robbie is much bigger than Gloria. Find evidence from the text to support this statement.
(1 mark)

6. Find two pieces of evidence which show what the weather is like. (2 marks)

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Gloria and Robbie are playing a game outside. Gloria wins.

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(1 mark)

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dashed pantingly

2. Who is Robbie? Use evidence from the text to support your answer. (3 marks)

Robbie is Gloria's friend or helper. He is also not human and is maybe a robot. I know this because it says “clump-clump of Robbie's metal feet” and because it calls him a companion and they are playing a game together.

3. What game are Robbie and Gloria playing? How do you know? (2 marks)

They are playing a game of hide and seek/manhunt/a game where you have to reach the base first. I know this because it describes Gloria looking for a hiding place. It describes Gloria and Robbie racing to the home-tree. It describes Robbie emerging from his hiding place.

4. Gloria **pouted**, “I bet he went inside the house, and I've told him a million times that that's not fair.”

What does the word ‘pouted’ suggest about how Gloria is feeling? (1 mark)

It suggests Gloria is cross/annoyed/spoilt.

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1) braving the midday sun
2) blinking in the sunlight