

QUESTION 2

HINT

When answering, it is always better to explain a few techniques in detail rather than to list points without explaining them properly.

SUBJECT VOCABULARY

synonym a word that shares the same meaning as another word; for example, 'quick' might be a synonym for 'fast'

Question 2 concentrates on the writer's thoughts and feelings. You need to think about how you know what the writer is feeling – is this information given explicitly or is it implicit? You should also think about how you know this and the language that the writer uses in order to convey what they are thinking and how they feel.

ACTIVITY 2

A01

SKILLS ADAPTIVE LEARNING, INNOVATION

▼ THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS

Thinking about the passage from *Cider with Rosie*, list all of the things that the author says about how he feels. In the exam you will be asked to use your own words to explain this, so write a list of **synonyms** for the words the author uses.

EXAM-STYLE QUESTION

A01

SKILLS CRITICAL THINKING, INTERPRETATION

2 Look again at lines 7–13.

In your own words, explain what the writer's thoughts and feelings are of finding himself in a strange new place.

(4 marks)

QUESTION 3

HINT

For Question 3, rather than simply repeating the question, it might be better to find a way straight into the answer, such as 'At first the writer is not at all impressed with what he finds...'

Question 3 asks you to describe something that is happening in the text. You need to have an understanding of what the text is about and what the writer is saying. You should look to support your answer with short quotations from the text as evidence to back up your point. Point-Evidence-Explain (P-E-E) is a good model to use when answering this question.

ACTIVITY 3

A01

SKILLS CRITICAL THINKING, ANALYSIS, INTERPRETATION

▼ USING QUOTATIONS

Looking at the passage from *Cider with Rosie*, complete the table below to list what the writer thinks about the village. Give examples from the text to support your point and explain how this is effective.

▼ FEELING	▼ QUOTATION	▼ EXPLANATION
He feels overwhelmed by the experience.	"I put my head back and howled"	This is an instinctive primal reaction to the unknown situation and he resorts to a basic impulse to cry.

EXAM-STYLE QUESTION

A01

SKILLS CRITICAL THINKING, ANALYSIS, INTERPRETATION

3 From lines 1–15, describe the writer's first impressions of the village. You may support your points with **brief** quotations.

(5 marks)