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Look at the very first sentence again. Which word tells us that the noise was something to be afraid of?

Look at the paragraph beginning '*Little Billy...*' Which word below is closest in meaning to the word **glanced**? Circle **one**.

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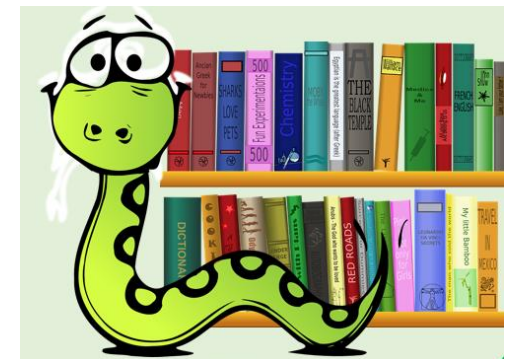
ran

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threw

Look at the paragraph beginning '*What he saw were two mighty...*' What word tells us that the creature is moving quickly?

Which of his mother's words mean **warning**?



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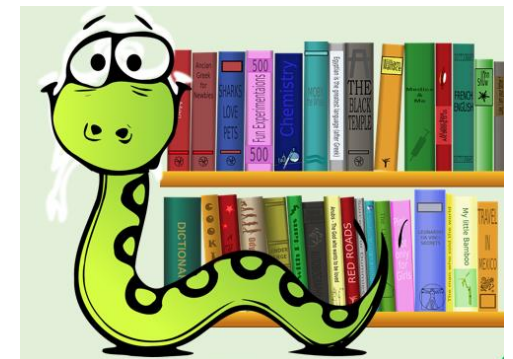
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What colour was the smoke that the monster was spouting?

What is the name of the creature that Billy believes is chasing him?

How does Billy know this?

What is the name of the forest that Billy is in?



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Below are statements which summarise the extract - put them in the correct order by numbering them from 1-5.

Billy remembered his mother's rhyme _____

The orange-red smoke billows towards him _____

Billy realises what the monster is _____

The whiffling, snorting noise gets louder and closer _____

Billy sees the terrifying sight _____

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Why do you think Billy's mother has told him the rhyme?

Why has mother used made-up words such as 'bloodsuckled, toothplucked and stonechuckled' to describe the Spittler?

Why do you think Billy has chosen to go into this forest?

Where do you think the Spittler gets its name from?

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What do you think Billy's mother would say to him about his actions?