

First Catch Your Dragon by Cressida Cowell

Gobber is guiding a group of young Viking boys on an important adventure.

"Hiccup will be leading you, although he is, admittedly, completely useless, because Hiccup is the son of the CHIEF, and that's the way things go with us Vikings. Where do you think you are, the REPUBLIC OF ROME? Anyway, that is the least of your problems today. You are here to prove yourself as a Viking Hero. And it is an ancient tradition of the Hooligan Tribe that you should" – Gobber paused dramatically –

"FIRST CATCH YOUR DRAGON!"

Ohhhhhh suffering scallops, thought Hiccup.

"Our dragons are what set us apart!" bellowed Gobber. "Lesser humans train hawks to hunt for them, horses to carry them. It is only the VIKING HEROES who dare to tame the wildest, most dangerous creatures on earth."

Gobber spat solemnly into the snow. "There are three parts to the Dragon Initiation Test. The first and most dangerous part is a test of your courage and skill at burglary. If you wish to enter the Hairy Hooligan Tribe, you must first catch your dragon. And that is WHY," continued Gobber, at full volume, "I have brought you to this scenic spot. Take a look at Wild Dragon Cliff itself."

The ten boys tipped their heads backwards.

The cliff loomed dizzyingly high above them, black and sinister. In summer you could barely even see the cliff as dragons of all shapes and sizes swarmed over it, snapping and biting and sending up a cacophony of noise that could be heard all over Berk.

But in winter the dragons were hibernating and the cliff fell silent, except for the ominous, low rumble of their snores. Hiccup could feel the vibrations through his sandals.



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1 Look at the paragraph beginning “*Hiccup will be leading you ...*”.

(a) Find and copy two words that explain why Hiccup should not be leading the adventure.

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(b) Find and copy four words that explain why Hiccup is going to lead the adventure.

2 In the paragraph beginning “*Our dragons are what set us apart!*”, Gobber says “*It is only the VIKING HEROES who dare to tame the wildest, most dangerous creatures on earth.*”
 What are the creatures that Gobber is talking about?

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3 Why do the Viking boys want to pass the Dragon Initiation Test?

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 1 mark

4 In the paragraph beginning “*The cliff loomed dizzyingly high above them*”, what does the word “*loomed*” tell us about the cliff?
 Choose one.

- It is dark coloured.
- It is tricky to climb.
- It is threatening.
- It is covered in mist.

2g

 1 mark

5 Choose which of the following are **true** and which are **false**.

	True	False
All Vikings enjoy riding horses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The first job the boys must do is steal something.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The boys have come to Wild Dragon Cliff to see how many dragons they can spot.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wild Dragon Cliff is very high.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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6 *This adventure takes place in winter.*
 Find two pieces of evidence for this statement. You do not have to use direct quotations from the text.

2d

 2 marks