

Wednesday.
fiction

Skill - 2b retrieve and record information from

Rouf did not have to be asked to follow the scent. He simply walked away into the trees and Jo went after him. From time to time he stopped to listen, but all he heard was Rouf's purposeful panting ahead of him and the soft whisper of the mist falling through the trees. After a while he began to wonder if Rouf's nose was

failing him because they were following no track through the forest. Jo found himself sometimes climbing steeply and then scrambling downwards again clutching at tree trunks to keep himself upright. They seemed to be going back on themselves, almost round in circles at one point; but Rouf seemed sure enough of himself, plodding on resolutely until they broke out of the trees. Jo found himself looking down on the slate roofs of a farmstead.

He recognised at once where they were although he had never been near the place nor seen it from quite this direction. It was Widow Horcada's farm. She lived alone up in the hills and kept herself to herself. She seemed to like it that way. She must have had a husband once but Jo had never known him and no one ever spoke of him. So far as anyone could tell she lived off her pigs that wandered everywhere – much to everyone's annoyance – off one cow and off her honey; you could find her beehives ranged all along the hillside above the village.

Read the text
again then
answer the
questions on
the next
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1. What animal was Rouf ? What evidence in the text tells you this ? 2 marks
2. What was the weather like that day ? 1 mark
3. Why did they think that Rouf's nose was failing him ? 1 mark
4. What did Jo have to hold on to stop himself from falling ? 1 mark
5. What phrase tells us that Rouf did not give up easily ? 1 mark
6. What do we know about Widow Horcada's husband? 2marks
7. Write 3 things that Widow Hocada lived off . 3 marks

Tomorrow you will be given the answers to mark your work