



Reading Comprehension

Silver

This passage and questions extend Year 6 reading skills with more demanding vocabulary and inference, closer to Silver SATs difficulty.

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The Passage

The expedition had been Captain Reyes's idea from the start, though even she hadn't anticipated quite how remote the research station would prove to be. Three days by boat, then two more on foot across terrain that seemed determined to swallow every footstep. When they finally reached the abandoned station, its instruments still whirring faintly on solar power after all these years, nobody spoke. There was something almost sacred about a place humans had built, then left entirely to itself.

Questions

1. How long did the journey to the research station take in total?

2. Find and copy evidence that the station had been unused for a long time, yet was still partly functioning.

3. What does "swallow every footstep" suggest about the terrain?

4. Why do you think "nobody spoke" when the team arrived at the station?

5. Explain what the writer means by describing the place as "almost sacred". What effect does this create?
