

The Final Challenge

So far today, Maeve had chased away three dragons and one troll who had wandered too far from the mountain. She dragged the sword behind her and sighed. It wasn't that she disliked her job – being protector of the realm was an incredible honour – it was just a little boring at times.

She looked down at her list of things to do. A farmer had complained that something was scaring the sheep. 'It was probably another dragon,' thought Maeve. 'Simple enough to chase away.'

Arriving at the field, Maeve immediately felt that something was wrong. Suddenly, an enormous shadow appeared and a deep, slow voice said: "Welcome, Maeve, to the final challenge."

Reading

1. What is Maeve's job? (Retrieve)

2. Compare how Maeve is feeling in the first paragraph to how she is feeling in the last paragraph. (Explain)

3. Summarise the events in the story using 20 words or fewer. (Explain)

4. What do you think will happen next? Explain your answer using evidence from the text. (Predict)

Grammar

1. Read the first word in each row below. Then circle the two words in that row that mean the same as the first word.

end

finish

part

conclude

show

destroy

display

demonstrate