Visualisation

Visualising pictures in our heads of the people, places, things and events we are reading about helps build better understanding of the text. Looking for key words in the text will help us create the images in our heads.

Read the passage.

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1 How many servants did the three explorers take with them?
   O five    O four    O three    O seven

2 Who carried the provisions?
   O the servants   O the dogs   O the horses   O the explorers

3 Where did the exploration party start their journey?
   O at the Western River   O at the Grose River
   O at Mr Wentworth’s farm   O at Mr Blaxland’s farm

4 Which word tells us that they passed through a wooded area?
   O pasture    O forest    O land    O ridge

5 Where did they make camp that first night?
   O on top of a ridge   O in a wooded area   O at the bottom of a ridge   O beside a river

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Read the passage again. As you do so, visualise what you are reading about. Draw a picture of the images you create in your head as you read about the following events.

Setting out from Mr Blaxland’s farm

Crossing the Nepean

Making camp

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