

5-for-5 Reading

Test One



The Line

The small girl dangled the line into the murky water and waited. Only moments before, her father had loaded it with a smelly, rotting lump.

“They love this stuff; you’ll see!” he had chuckled at her as she wrinkled her nose against the offensive odour.

She sat poised on the muddy bank; her hand gripped tightly around the still line. The ripples on the water indicated that something was about to happen before she felt the unmistakable pull. “I’ve got one!” she shouted.

Carefully, her father put his hands on hers and they slowly lifted the line, taking care not to disturb the large, feasting crustacean whose sharp claws grabbed and tore at the bait. After becoming a momentary spectacle, the creature was returned slowly to the water, remaining oblivious to all but the feast.

1 Where did the small girl sit?

2 Write down **two** things that you are told about the creature.

1. _____

2. _____

3

The ripples on the water indicated that something was about to happen before she felt the **unmistakable** pull. What does the word *unmistakable* mean in this sentence?

Tick **one**.

confusing

unremarkable

distinctive

unimpressive

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Look at the final paragraph. Why did the creature not notice that it had been caught?

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Do you think that the girl and her father will catch more creatures? Tick **one**.

yes no

Explain your choice fully, using evidence from the text.

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