

## Avoiding Repetition

“Oh, sorry. I didn’t see you there. I’m not trespassing am I?” asked Matty. He was worried that he’d walked into a garden that wasn’t part of his holiday cottage. He was staying there with his parents.

“Don’t worry,” smiled the boy. “This maze is part of my garden, but you’re welcome to use it anytime. I don’t get to talk to anyone nowadays. I’m pleased you saw me.”

Matty looked at the boy carefully. There was something odd about him. He looked about 11 years old (the same age as him) but his skin was pale and he was wearing striped pyjamas and a dressing gown. His feet, which were bare, worried Matty. It was a cold day and the boy already looked ill.

“That’s kind of you,” replied Matty. “My name’s Matty by the way. What’s yours?” Matty went to shake the boy’s hand, but the boy flinched away from him.

“My name’s Arthur. I won’t shake your hand, as I’ve been quite poorly. I’d hate for you to catch it too,” said Arthur, who suddenly looked confused. “Sorry, I can hear Mama calling. I must go. Will I see you again tomorrow?”

Matty looked around. He couldn’t hear anyone calling. He also couldn’t see anyone else in the maze, which had been quite tricky to find the centre of. He turned back to speak to Arthur. However, Arthur had vanished into thin air.

1. List all of the personal pronouns that appear in paragraph one. If a pronoun appears several times, write it only once.

2. In paragraph three, does the relative pronoun ‘which’ refer to Matty, Arthur’s feet or the maze?

3. An extra sentence has been written to add to paragraph four. Circle the appropriate relative pronoun below that would complete the sentence.

Matty, \_\_\_\_\_ had been taught good manners, was upset by this.

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4. True or false? In paragraph six, the word ‘he’ has been used to replace the noun ‘Arthur’. Explain your answer.

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The air was hot. Thick smoke blocked out the sky above. Evelyn, who was holding a wet scarf over her face, was finding it hard to breathe. Saving the lives of these endangered animals was the only thing that kept her calm.

“The last one’s on the truck,” yelled Peter, her husband. “Let’s get everyone out of here!” He had to drag Evelyn, who didn’t want to leave, by the arm and force her into the passenger seat.

“Are you sure we’ve got them all? Are you sure we haven’t left any behind?” She was crying now at the thought of having missed one of the orangutans. Tears rolled down her soot covered cheeks.

Ten years ago, she and Peter had set up the sanctuary on the island of Borneo. Their mission was to save as many orangutans as possible. Now, a forest fire was right on their doorstep, threatening to destroy everything they had built.

Four trucks full of orangutans had already got out safely. They were the last to leave. Peter started the engine. The old truck sparked into life. Breathing a sigh of relief, he drove it out of the compound and away from the fire.

5. An extra sentence has been written to add to paragraph three. Change the underlined nouns to pronouns to avoid repetition.

The orangutans were like family to Evelyn and Evelyn was sad at the thought of losing any of them.

6. Use the relative pronoun ‘which’ to add extra information into the sentence below.

The old truck, \_\_\_\_\_, sparked into life.

7. Sasha has written the first sentence of the next paragraph.

Evelyn thought that them would never be free of the smoke as their drove away from the fire.

Has she used personal pronouns accurately? Explain your answer.