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Reading Comprehension

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1. What does 'lurk' mean?

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Lurk means to remain hidden.

2. Why did Artemis steal the dragon's egg?

He stole the egg to get money to help his family.

3. What was his plan while in the cave?

His plan was to wait until the morning.

4. How did the dragon feel? How do you know?

The dragon was upset. We know this because he was screeching and its cries were harrowing.

5. What do you think happens next in the story?

Answers will vary.