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Reading Comprehension

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1. What does 'mischievous' mean?

2. How does the author describe the scene?

3. What type of figurative language is 'Sam ran like the wind'?

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1. What does 'mischievous' mean?

Mischievous is to cause trouble in a playful way.

2. How does the author describe the scene?

The author states that there is dim light and rugged terrain.

3. What type of figurative language is 'Sam ran like the wind'?

It is a simile.

4. How would you describe Sam? Explain your answer in detail.

Sam is brave. We can tell because he finds his brother in a pit of snakes and doesn't hesitate to save him.

5. Would you jump into a pit to save someone? Why or why not?

Answers will vary.