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## Reading Comprehension<sup>®</sup>

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## The Dark Knight

Trapped alone in a dark cage was unusual for the greatest knight in the land. However, this was reality now. His cage was small, and the damp smell stung his nostrils. His food was moldy, and the water was muddy. To be defeated by an enemy and dragged back to their home was an absolute disgrace. The Dark Knight had to escape.

Over a three-day period, he had managed to craft a small knife out of stone. He used this to chip away at one of the bars. As the sun began to set, the Dark Knight made his escape. His heart beat with every sound and sweat ran off his nose. The derelict conditions had drained his energy, but he knew now was his opportunity. Out of nowhere came a small voice. "I'll help you," said a young boy.

"Follow me," he continued. The Dark Knight had no option but to follow. The boy moved with haste and knew the streets like the back of his hand. At the edge of the city, he pointed to the forest. "Run through the forest for 2 days and you'll find your home," whispered the boy as he grinned ear to ear.

The Dark Knight made his way home and was greeted with cheers and applause. The greatest fighter in the land had escaped death and made it home, ready to fight another day. The King welcomed him into the castle and prepared a great feast.

"How did you escape?" questioned the king.

"I was helped by a young boy and..." before he could finish his sentence, he saw a picture on the wall. "That's the boy who helped me, the one in that picture."

"That's Prince James," said the king, "he died 5 years ago..."

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The cage was small and damp. The conditions were derelict.

2. How did the dark knight escape?

He made a knife and was shown out of the city by a boy.

What does 'derelict' mean? 3.

Derelict means in a very poor or dirty condition.

- How would you describe the young boy? Give evidence to explain. 4. The young boy was kind and helpful because he helped the knight escape. Also, he was happy because he 'grinned ear to ear'.
- 5. Who was the boy in the picture at the end? It was Prince James who had died 5 years earlier.
- If the story continued, what do you think would happen next? 6. Answers will vary.