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Look at the last paragraph and give two examples that show that Jack is a normal person.

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Why do you think that Jack told his sister about Albert Einstein?

Extension
activity

Jack's sister was inspired by her little brother because _____

Jack's sister admires him but _____

Dyslexia is not a sign of weakness so _____

Mayday Mayday

Glossary

| Word | Definition |
|-----------|--------------------------|
| ominous | threatening |
| stallions | male adult horses |
| pastures | lands covered with grass |

Vocabulary Starter

| Word | Definition |
|----------------|------------|
| engulfed | |
| chattered | |
| immediate | |
| trickling down | |

1

Look at the title. When do people use this phrase?

2

Does this suggest the story will be (tick two):

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fast and exciting

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slow and boring

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strong and threatening

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gentle and peaceful

3

Look at the third paragraph. Find and copy all the verbs which are usually used to describe how human beings behave.

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What effect do these verbs have when describing inanimate objects?

5

Which of these statements are correct?

| | True | False |
|--|------|-------|
| They slept well the night before the storm. | | |
| The storm was slow, gentle and inoffensive. | | |
| In paragraph six, the narrator returns to the present. | | |
| The speaker is sitting on a deserted island at the end of the story. | | |

6

Why do you think he is sitting there?

7

'All I could do now was to fight: fight to stay alive and fight not to let go of the one precious thing I had left... hope.

I liked towards the horizon beyond and prayed.'

What impressions do you get about the main character?

Over the page, give two impressions using evidence from the text to support your answer.