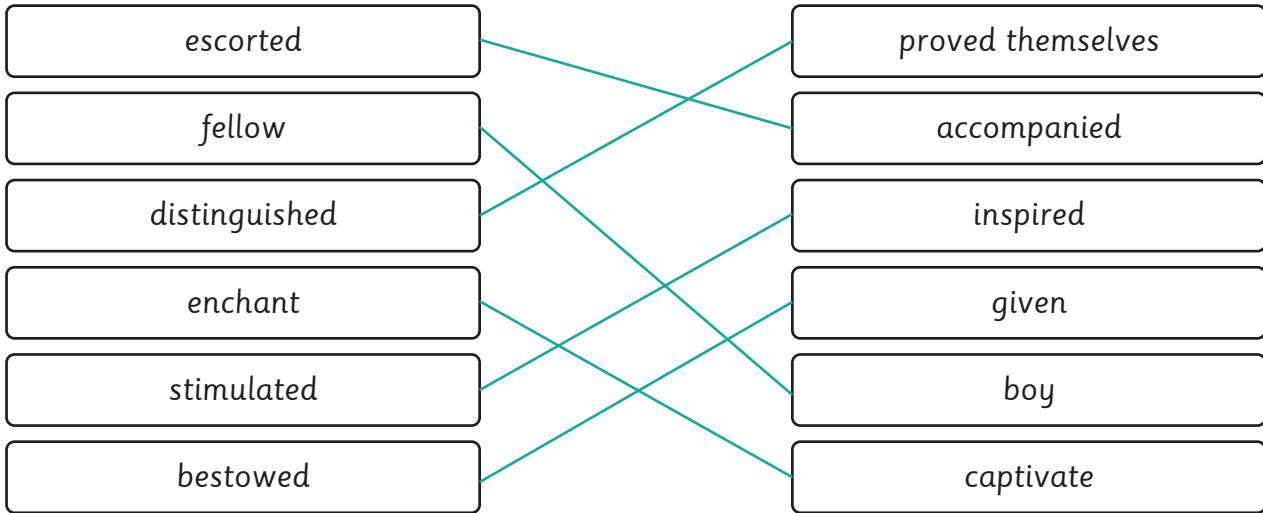


Answers

Language analysis

Find and highlight these words in the text. Draw a line between the words from the text and their closest synonym.



Structural analysis

1. What type of text is this? Circle one. (1 mark)

newspaper report

biography

autobiography

instructions

2. a) What do you notice about the way the information has been ordered? (1 mark)

Chronological order

b) Why is it structured in this way? (1 mark)

Because it is recounting his life and so is told from his birth to the present day.

3. What tense is it written in? Circle one. (1 mark)

past tense

present tense

future tense

4. What person is this written in? Why? (1 mark)

First person because it is an autobiography so written by the person whose life it is about – Nelson Mandela.

Answers

1. Why are the words 'hide-and-seek' and 'touch and run' in brackets? (1 mark)

Because it explains what the games are that the children were playing in English so that the reader can understand.

2. What does the term 'accosted' suggest about the way the boys approached the girls?

Why did they approach like this? (2 marks)

Accosted suggests the boys approached the girls boldly and aggressively. They might have approached the girls like this because they were in a big group of boys and wanted to show off or impress the girls as the game they were playing encouraged the girls to pick the boy they loved most.

3. Why did the girls pick the 'plainest fellow'? (2 marks)

So they could tease him all the way home. Possibly the 'plainest' boy might have been less confident than the other boys and therefore make it easier to target him for the girl who selected him.

4. Why do you think Nelson's mum told him these stories? (2 marks)

Because they taught the children moral lessons but in a more entertaining and memorable way. The children would be more likely to listen and remember to the message in the story if told this way.

5. Why were African children given English names? Circle one. (1 mark)

Because the children asked for English names.

Because the parents asked for English names.

Because the education system in the country was influenced by Britain.

6. Why was the name that the teacher selected apt? Tick one. (1 mark)

Because Mandela loved the sea.

Because Mandela became a great leader and captain for his country.

Because Mandela's teachers were British.

Because Nelson was a good name.

7. Place these events in the correct order (1 – 5). One has been done for you.

The girls would pick the plainest boy and tease him on the way home.

His mother tells him a tale about virtue and generosity.

His teacher gave him an English name.

Occasionally, his sisters joined in with the games.

His mother told them Xhosa legends and fables.