

There are **7 questions** in this test.

Give yourself **10 minutes** to read the text and answer the questions.

## Felland Find Nearly Ends in Tragedy

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A hunt for buried treasure has led to an amazing find in woods near the village of Felland. However, the discovery was not without drama.

Joey Smith, 13, was out with his friends and his dog, Sheba, yesterday when they stumbled across the entrance to a tunnel. The tunnel had apparently been exposed by heavy rain the previous night.

### Sixth Sense

Believing they had found the way to the legendary golden treasure of Felland, the boys crawled through the narrow shaft, which was less than a metre wide in places. At times, they had to push earth and branches aside so they could get through. "We had our bike lamps,

but it was creepy," recalls Joey. "Sheba refused to follow us, so she stayed outside the tunnel, howling. I think she knew something was up."



Sheba saved the boys from the tunnel.

### Animal Remains

The boys eventually found themselves in a cavern, full of stalagmites and stalactites but, disappointingly, no chests brimming with gold.

Instead, they could make out the shapes of animals scratched on the walls.

"There was this massive thing carved on the wall that looked like a deer," explains Ben, aged 12. "It looked like it was moving. Then we realised that the stones were actually animal bones,

so we decided to run."

### Dramatic Rescue

However, as the three boys tried to leave the cave, the tunnel collapsed, weakened by the rain and their digging, leaving the boys trapped and in great peril.

Luckily, Sheba came to the rescue. Spotting a group of walkers, she led them back to the boys.

"The dog was barking insistently, so we knew something was wrong," said one of the walkers. "Fortunately, we had a rope, so we could pull them out."

The discovery has been reported to the appropriate authorities. Local historians believe the find to be of exciting historical importance — even if it was not, unfortunately for the boys, the treasure trove Joey and his friends were expecting.

1. How did the boys discover the tunnel?

Tick **one** box.

Sheba discovered the entrance and barked.

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Heavy rain had revealed the entrance.

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A group of walkers had found the entrance.

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The tunnel was described in a legend.

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2. What did the boys hope to find in the cave?

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3. Why do you think the second part of the article has been given the heading *Sixth Sense*?

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4. Why did the boys want to leave the cave?

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5. ...leaving the boys trapped and in great peril.  
What does the word *peril* mean in this sentence?

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6. Read each statement and **tick** whether it is true or false.

|                                                      | True                     | False                    |
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| The tunnel was partly blocked when the boys went in. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Joey was out with three of his friends and his dog.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The tunnel collapsed because Sheba weakened it.      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The walkers used a rope to rescue the boys.          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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7. Explain how the local historians' reaction to the cave's contents is different to the boys' reaction.  
Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

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