

## Close Reading - building our skills

**Whenever you get an Understanding question, you have to take words from the passage and put them in your own words.**

Putting the passage into 'your own words'.

1. There were a number of reasons why Mark wanted to move to a different area. For a start, he had no friends where he currently lived and he hated his school. Plus, there was never anything to do in his area. On top of that, they lived near a park where the local gangs fought at night and the whole place just made him feel depressed.

Question:

In your own words, give three reasons why Mark wanted to move. (3)

2. Kerrie really enjoyed her job at the post office. There were always lots of people coming and going and there was plenty going on in there. Plus they were flexible about the hours she worked and the money wasn't bad either.

Question:

In your own words, give three reasons why Kerrie enjoyed her job. (3)

3. Although James wanted to get a dog, there were some things that put him off the idea. Would he be able to afford the dog food? Would he be okay about taking it for a walk every night? Plus, he didn't want dog hairs all over his nice, clean furniture. Having to pay for vet's bills wasn't a great prospect either.

Question

In your own words, give three reasons why James was reluctant to get a dog. (3)

4. Their friendship would never be the same again, thought Ellie. For a start, she didn't feel that she'd be able to trust Claire again with her secrets. Plus, Claire had abandoned her when she needed a friend most and Ellie didn't think she would ever get over that. As if that wasn't bad enough, she had gossiped about her behind Ellie's back and that hurt more than she let on.

Question

In your own words, give three reasons why Ellie feels her friendship with Claire will never be the same. (3)

5. Sarah loved reading. She always had done. She loved the way that she could lose herself in a book and forget about all her cares. She loved reading about different places and other people. She liked the fact that she could read pretty much anywhere. It was her own little escape.

Question

In your own words, give three reasons why Sarah loved reading. (3)

6. The coat was falling apart and had a peculiar odour. Rachel wouldn't have worn it if her life depended on it.

Question

In your own words give two reasons why Rachel refused to wear the coat. (2)

Total marks available: 17