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Name _____

Read the adventure story and answer the questions on the following pages.

The twins were looking forward to visiting the mysterious castle dungeons. But as they raced to the enormous, thick wooden drawbridge, they saw that the castle was closed. Only the gardens were open to the public.

“Rose beds and daisies!” cried James in disgust. “Who wants to look around a boring old garden? Ellen! Where are you?”

“Bet you can’t find me!” giggled his sister from behind a tall hedge.

James ran to the hedge, and to his delight, discovered that it was the boundary of a maze. He ran in, following the sound of Ellen’s laughter. Before long, he was hopelessly lost. He began to panic, but as he turned the next corner, he realized he was at the center of the maze. On the ground was an open trapdoor, which revealed a flight of steps leading down into the darkness.

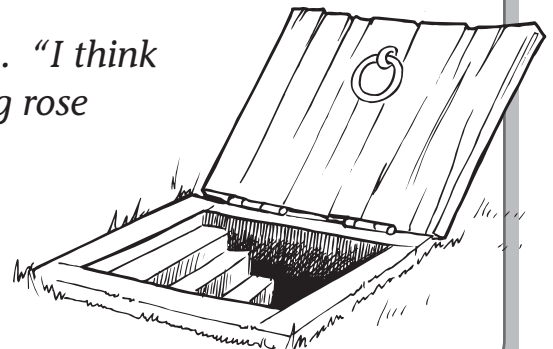
With his heart thumping loudly, he slowly began to descend. The steps led to a dimly lit passageway. The air felt cold and damp, and it smelled musty. Ahead, he could see a shadow dancing on the moldy brick walls. Ellen!

“Wow! We did get to see the dungeons after all!” squealed James. “Look at all this stuff! Scary! I’m not crazy about being stuck in here for long. Let’s go!”

James and Ellen hurried back along the passage and up the steps. They were very relieved that the trapdoor was still open.

“Fresh air!” sighed James, taking a deep breath. “I think I’d like to take a walk around the sweet-smelling rose beds now.”

“Me, too,” agreed Ellen, “but first we have to get out of this maze!”



THE AMAZING ADVENTURE

Right There

Find the answers directly in the text.

1. Why was James grumpy at the beginning of the story?

2. What did James discover about the tall hedge?

3. Write three words or phrases from the story that describe the dungeons and passageway.

Think and Search

Think about what the text says.

1. Mark or write the correct answer.

a. James and Ellen left the dungeon slowly. quickly.

b. Which word in the story tells you this? _____

2. a. Which twin do you think is the more adventurous? _____

b. Why do you believe this?

THE AMAZING ADVENTURE

On Your Own

Use what you know about the text and your own experience.

James and Ellen wanted to visit the dungeons, yet when they found them, they did not want to stay very long.

Write words and phrases in the boxes to describe a situation that might be both exciting and a little scary.

Brief description of the situation:

Exciting Part(s)

Scary Part(s)

THE AMAZING ADVENTURE

Predicting

James and Ellen left the dungeon very quickly. How do you think their adventure might have ended if they had explored a little further?



1. Answer the questions to help you write a plan for a different ending to the story. Use descriptive words and phrases to make the readers feel they really are in the castle dungeon.

<p>a. Where did they go next?</p>	<p>b. Were they separated? If so, how did it happen, and how did they find each other again?</p>
<p>c. Did they see any wildlife or other people?</p>	<p>d. Did they find another way out of the dungeon?</p>
<p>e. How did they get back to the gardens?</p>	

2. **a.** Use your answers from question #1 to write a story on another sheet of paper about exploring the dungeon.
b. Give your story a title. _____