

Answers

1. Which of these names belong to the dogs in the story? Tick **three**.

Claudia

Alpha

Gentle Mountain

Shepherd

Livia

Alba

2. Using information from the text, tick one box in each row to show whether each statement is **true** or **false**.

	True	False
Claudia is the noisiest of the three dogs.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alba is the smallest of the three dogs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Claudia has brown and white paws.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alba has a black coat.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. What does it mean when Claudia's ears are flattened?

It suggests that she is worried/she has come to share a worry.

4. Why does Livia think the goats are acting strangely?

All that they have to eat is spiky grass and thistle leaves/they don't eat well.

5. "Goats complain about snow in winter and heat in summer."

What does this tell the reader about the herd of goats?

Accept an explanation that shows that the goats would complain even when everything is normal. For example, the goats would complain about the snow in winter even though it often snows in wintertime. This shows that they are always likely to complain.

6. Who are the 'two-legs'?

humans/people

7. Why was Claudia worried? Explain your answer using evidence from the text.

Accept any of the following points fully explained:

- the goats are acting strangely;
- the shepherd is late;
- the mountain is too warm;
- the rabbits have fled;
- she can feel rumbling in her paws.

Do not accept reference to her being small/being injured/her ears are flattened.

8. a. Which of the following words best describes how Livia feels about Claudia? Circle **one**.

Accept either irritated or protective.

protective

irritated

afraid

b. Explain your answer fully.

Accept an explanation supported by the text. For example

- Livia feels protective towards Claudia because she is the smallest dog and she often 'keeps her nearby whenever the wolves come raiding'. This shows that she wants to look after her.
- Livia is being irritated by Claudia. She says that she 'moans as much as the goats' which shows that she is getting annoyed by her complaining.

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1. List the names of the three dogs in the story.

Livia, Alba and Claudia

2. Using information from the text, tick one box in each row to show whether each statement is **true** or **false**.

	True	False
Claudia is the noisiest of the three dogs.	✓	
Alba is the smallest of the three dogs.		✓
Claudia has brown and white paws.	✓	
Alba has a black coat.	✓	

3. What was the cause of the injury to Claudia's leg?

She was attacked by a fox/the sharp teeth of a fox/she was bitten by a fox.

4. *I keep her nearby whenever the wolves come raiding.*

What does this suggest about Livia's character? Explain your answer fully.

Accept any of the following characteristics supported by an explanation: Livia shows kindness/courage/leadership/another acceptable characteristic.

For example, Livia knows that Claudia may not be able move as fast so she sticks with her when the wolves are near. This shows that Livia is a great leader as she looks after everybody in her pack.

5. Livia says: *I give Alba's black coat an envious sniff; it makes her almost invisible at night.*

What does this sentence imply to the reader?

Alba's coat doesn't smell very nice.

Livia doesn't like Alba's black coat.

Livia wishes that she had a black coat like Alba.

Alba is invisible to Livia.

Tick **one**

6. Find and copy a word that means 'caring and hard-working'.

attentive

7. Do you think that the dogs should stay on the mountainside? Explain your answer with evidence from the text.

Accept any appropriate reason to stay (such as looking after the goats or waiting for the shepherd) or leave (such as the lack of food or the rumbling is a sign that something dangerous could happen) fully explained using the text.

For example, I think that they should stay to look after the goats because that is their job. It would be wrong to abandon them just because they are worried about what is happening on the mountain.

I think that they should leave because the rumbling means that something could be about to happen and they should run to safety.

8. a. Which word do you think best describes Alba's character?

Accept either immature, short-tempered or greedy.

immature

short-tempered

timid

greedy

- b. Explain your choice fully using evidence from the text.

Accept an explanation for any of the words above supported by an explanation using the text. For example:

- **Alba is immature as Claudia says that 'she was a pup less than two summers ago' which could explain why she is focused on feeding herself rather than tending to the goats.**
- **Alba is short-tempered as she snaps at Claudia and tells her to stop talking about food. This shows that she doesn't have a great deal of patience with others and she is being quite rude to Claudia.**

9. Summarise the events in the chapter using thirty words or fewer.

Accept any correct summary that has fewer than thirty words and covers the key points from the chapter. For example: Three mountain dogs are looking after their flock. The mountain is rumbling and their shepherd hasn't visited them, making them question what they should do next.

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1. Write the names of the three dogs in the story in the order of their rank in the pack.
(1 = highest ranking; 3 = lowest ranking)

1.	Livia
2.	Alba
3.	Claudia

2. Look at the first two paragraphs in the chapter. Find and copy a word which means 'a place where people have started to live and establish a community'.

settlement

3. Using information from the text, tick one box in each row to show whether each statement is a **fact** or **opinion**.

	Fact	Opinion
Claudia's leg was bitten by a fox.	✓	
The shepherd is late.	✓	
It isn't wise to grow too attached to two-legs.		✓
Free meals make dogs lazy and slow.		✓

4. *I keep her nearby whenever the wolves come raiding.*

What does this suggest about Livia's character? Explain your answer fully.

Accept any of the following characteristics supported by an explanation: Livia shows kindness/courage/leadership/another acceptable characteristic.

For example, Livia knows that Claudia may not be able move as fast so she sticks with her when the wolves are near. This shows that Livia is a great leader as she looks after everybody in her pack.

5. "I'm hungry, Livia! The rabbit burrows are empty. A raven told me that they fled last night."

Define the word 'fled'.

run away quickly

6. What does the reader learn about Alba's character in this chapter? Explain your answer fully using evidence from the text.

Accept an explanation for any suitable suggestion. For example:

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7. What events have occurred to make Claudia and Alba worried about what is going on? Give evidence from both dogs.

Claudia - accept any of the following: the goats are acting strangely; the shepherd is late; the goats say the mountain is too warm; she feels rumbling through her paws.

Alba - accept any of the following: the goats say they want to leave; Alba is hungry; the rabbit burrows are empty; a raven said that the rabbits fled last night.

8. Number these events in the story from 1-5 in the order in which they happen.

The first one has been done for you.

Alba joins Livia and Claudia.

2

The dogs head down the hillside.

5

Claudia approaches the sleeping hollow.

1

Livia barks that they must tend to the goats.

3

Claudia suggests visiting the girl.

4

9. What evidence is there that the dogs like the human girl and that she likes them?

Accept any point that references that the dogs might be able to get food from her or the idea that Claudia is growing as fond of her as Livia is.

Accept that the girl gives the dogs food.

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