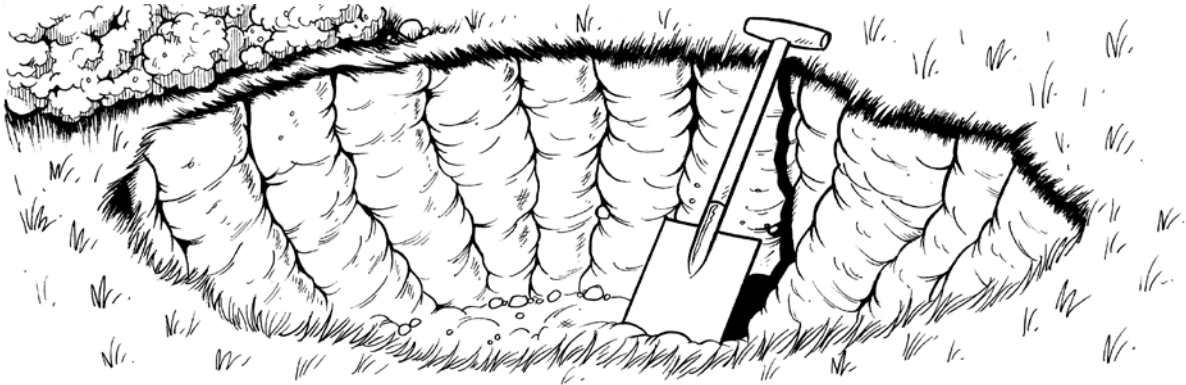


Paragraph focus

Read the passage and write the focus, or subject, of each paragraph.



Jessica and Cody hid behind the rocks with the strange figure. For the first time they realised that they were not afraid of it. Looking at it they saw an old, unhappy man. He looked at them with large, sad eyes.

Focus/subject: _____

“Please help me,” he said, “I need to find the treasure chest as much as you do. There may be something in it that I need.” He started to cry, large tears rolling down his face.

Focus/subject: _____

Cody looked over the rocks and saw that there were no people in sight now. He gave an all-clear sign. They climbed over the rocks and walked up to the top of the hill.

Focus/subject: _____

As they reached the top they looked around to check that they were truly alone. But, to their dismay, they did find something on the top of the hill – a freshly dug hole – just the right size to contain a treasure chest...

Focus/subject: _____

How did you do?



Identifying paragraphs

The text below should be divided into four paragraphs, but it has been accidentally joined together. Identify each paragraph by shading them in four different colours and then write the subject of each paragraph in the boxes.

Text	Subject
<p>This was the first time that Mina had ever been to a circus, and she was very excited. She took the number 12 bus with her grandma. It was a double-decker and they sat upstairs at the front, Mina watched everything in the city with wide eyes, asking a thousand questions. When their bus stop approached Mina pressed the bell and they jumped off. There in front of them was the</p>	
<p>circus tent – a beautiful white tent wrapped in coloured lights, surrounded by the caravans where the performers stayed during the day. There were people everywhere and cheerful music filled the air. Inside, the circus tent was even more breathtaking. In the centre was the area for the performers – the ring – covered in sawdust and surrounded by rows of raised benches for the audience.</p>	
<p>The roof seemed so much higher than it did from the outside, and looking up Mina could see the trapeze wires and bars, and spotlights shining down. Suddenly every light went off except one. It shone straight down at the centre of the ring, and in it stood the circus master. He wore a black top hat, a smart red jacket with gold buttons and long tails, and black trousers tucked in to smart black boots that came up to his knees. He raised his hands and waited for the audience to fall silent.</p>	

How did you do?

