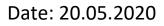


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## <u>Reading</u>

Extract from Chapter 1 of Wolf Brother by Michelle Paver

Torak's heart clenched. "Fa, it-it's me," he stammered. "How do you feel?"

Pain convulsed his father's lean brown face. His cheeks were tinged with gray, making the clan-tattoos stand out lividly. Sweat matted his long dark hair. His wound was so deep that as Torak clumsily stanched it with beard-moss, he saw his father's guts glistening in the firelight. He had to grit his teeth to keep from retching. He hoped Fa didn't notice—but of course he did. Fa was a hunter. He noticed everything. "Torak . . . " he breathed. His hand reached out, his hot fingers clinging to Torak's as eagerly as a child. Torak swallowed. Sons clutch their fathers' hands, not the other way around. He tried to be practical: to be a man instead of a boy. "I've still got some yarrow leaves," he said, fumbling for his medicine pouch with his free hand. "Maybe that'll stop the—" "Keep it. You're bleeding too."

What does the phrase 'Torak's heart clenched.' Tell us about how he is feeling? What evidence is there that Torak's father is in pain? What does the word 'stanched' mean? What do you think Torak was planning to do with the yarrow leaves? What do you think the 'clan tattoos' are? What does this tell us about Torak and his father?

Read your own book for ten minutes and respond to this in your reading record: Think of 3 questions you would like to ask the author of the book.

## **Writing**

Add subordinate clauses to these main clauses to write complex sentences. Remember a subordinate clause can go anywhere in a sentence but where it goes changes the punctuation we use. If it starts the sentence, we use a comma to separate the clauses.

Suggested subordinating conjunctions: when, if, because, although, after, whenever e.g. As the sun set, the shadows grew longer around them.

Torak raced through the trees towards the light. The wolf streaked past like lightning. Fa was lying quietly in his furs. A blackbird swooped down through the trees. The bear lumbered towards them. The moon shone brightly in the clearing left by the trees.

Can you think of your own sentences to write using subordinating conjunctions?

## <u>Maths</u>

Use your knowledge of fractions to count in fractions! Remember to use your knowledge of equivalent fractions too!

