

AND NURSERY Learning for Life

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<u>Reading</u>

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Extract from Chapter 1 of Wolf Brother by Michelle Paver

Torak reached the stream. Glancing quickly around, he snatched a dock leaf and moved forward, his boots sinking into the soft red mud. He froze. Beside his right boot was the track of a bear. A front paw: twice the size of his own head, and so fresh that he could see the points where the long, vicious claws had bitten deep into the mud. Look behind you, Torak. He spun round. Willows. Alder. Fir. Dark yew. Dripping spruce. Dense. Impenetrable. But deep within—no more than ten paces away—a stir of branches. Something was in there. Something huge. Torak forced himself to stay still. Don't run. Don't run. Maybe it doesn't know you're here. A low hiss. Again the branches stirred. He heard the stealthy rustle as the creature moved toward the shelter: toward his father. He waited in rigid silence as it passed. Coward! he shouted inside his head.

'Look behind you, Torak' who is speaking in this phrase?What does the word 'impenetrable' mean?Why would Torak have to force himself to stay still?How does the author describe the creature's movement?The author has used a lot of short sentences in this extract. What effect does this create for the reader?

Read your own book for ten minutes and respond to this in your reading record: Would you recommend your book to a friend? Why/why not?

Writing

Use these main clauses to write complex sentences using coordinating conjunctions. FANBOYS= For And Nor But Or Yet So

Torak could not move nor could he run away.

Torak reached the stream.

A branch snapped in the forest.

The wind swayed the trees.

Torak was no longer with his father.

Torak took a step towards the trees.

Can you write your own compound sentences using the FANBOYS coordinating conjunctions?

