**Linda’s horrid weekend**

The run up the hill was horrid. There was frost on the ground and the air was bitterly cold but Linda had managed to get to the top. She felt really warm and took a gulp of water. Linda was at a special army training camp for the weekend which was in the country side. As she got her breath back, she looked around the green hills covered in frost. She could see a scarecrow at the top of one hill shaking crazily from side to side.

“Good job Lin! But I want to see you do it faster next time! 2 minutes and we go again!” shouted the army instructor furiously. Linda rolled her eyes. He reminds me off Mr Kay she though. Really bossy. Linda sighed and started walking back down the hill all the way to the bottom. She took a deep breath, gritted her teeth and prepared to run up the steep hill again.

Things were going really well until Linda was running up the narrow road. Suddenly, a huge tractor turned round the bend and started to approach her. She looked around but her instructor was nowhere to be seen! Closer it came. Closer. Closer. Closer. She looked to the left. A brick wall. She made her decision. She leapt to the right and flew through the air for what seemed an eternity!

Crash! Linda took a few deep breaths. Thankfully, she had missed the tractor which continued to go down the hill. She had landed in something soft. She looked down. EWW! Cow pat! Could this weekend get any worse?

**Questions**

1. Why do you think Linda is feeling warm even though it was cold outside?
2. Look where it says ***‘She could see a scarecrow at the top of one hill shaking crazily from side to side’***. What does this tell us about the weather?
3. It tells us that the army instructor reminded Linda of Mr Kay. What do you think Mr Kay would be like?
4. Do you think Linda is enjoying her weekend? Explain why you think this with as much detail as you can.
5. What clues are there that Linda didn’t want to run up the hill again?
6. Draw a though bubble to explain how Linda’s feelings change in Paragraph 3.
7. It says Linda ***‘flew through the air for what seemed an eternity’*** Why do you think it felt so long?
8. Pretend you are Linda and that you have just got home. Write a diary extract about your weekend away. Be as detailed as you can!