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**Model Text - Year 3 – 4**

Delvin stopped dead still, hardly daring to breathe. Silence.

Without making a sound, he rested his heavy battle axe on the rough, earthy floor and reached out a hand to touch the cold, damp walls of the tunnel. Not even the rocks would speak to him. Yet, in all his 148 years, never had his dwarf senses been so on edge – something was not right.

Stroking his long, grey beard nervously, he paused for a moment longer before deciding to press on. Just around the corner was the entrance to the Great Hall. Surely he would be safe there.

A gust of wind, the softest breath of a breeze, brushed his bushy eyebrows. Raising his axe above his shoulders, he demanded, ‘Who goes there?’ Nothing.

He edged forward until he was right up next to the ancient, oak door. Unable to hide the fear in his voice, he squeaked, ‘Is anybody there?’

Suddenly, the door swung open. A wall of hairy faces blocked his way. “Surprise!” they all chanted. “Happy birthday, Delvin!”

Read the passage above.

Answer the following questions..

Remember to answer in full sentences using capital letters and full stops in Questions 1 - 4.

Qu. 1. How old was Devlin?

Ans. ............................................................................................................

Qu. 2. What colour was Devlin’s beard?

Ans. ...........................................................................................................

Qu. 3. What sort of weapon was Devlin carrying?

Ans. ...........................................................................................................

Qu. 4. What special day was Devlin celebrating?

Ans. ..........................................................................................................

Qu. 5. Which adjective describes Devlin’s eyebrows?

Ans. .........................

Qu. 6. Which two adjectives describe the tunnel Devlin was in?

Ans. 1 ....................... Ans 2. ....................