

READING COMPREHENSION QUIZ

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Three small figures moved rapidly across the night-time desert floor, sliding over shifting sands, keeping low.

Low because if they were visible they could be shot within seconds.

They stopped when they located a flickering light coming from an isolated camp. Their target. They knew from satellite images taken earlier in the day that the camp consisted of a large tent, a fire, a dozen camels, a Land Rover and a small army of men. They also knew that the target was heavily armed and, no doubt, under strict orders to fire at anything that moved. It was the base of one of the most dangerous terrorist cells in the world and it would be well defended.

The three figures had to get close to the tent without being spotted and listen to what was being planned.

It was a tough mission, but the trio was up to the job. Rob, Lesh and Lily worked for the British Government, half of a team of six who were deployed around the world and were known as the Squad. They were extremely clever, highly trained and had already been involved in a number of successful missions. The only difference between them and the other spies working for the British Government was that they were all just thirteen years old.

1 What time of day was it?

2 Why were the three children crawling?

3 What had taken photographs of the camp earlier in the day?

4 How many camels were there?

5 What might happen if they were spotted?

6 The children are described as being “half of a team of six who were deployed around the world”. What does the word deployed mean?

