



ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

WORK TO BE COMPLETED ON SNOW DAYS

YEAR 7

Reading Task

Read the text below and answer Questions 1–4.

Extract from Heidi: Johanna Spyri

This novel is about a young girl called Heidi who lives with her grandfather in the Swiss Alps. Heidi is sent to Germany to be a companion to a rich girl named Clara and while she is there she learns to read and write.

There sure enough was Heidi, sitting beside Clara and reading aloud to her, evidently herself very much surprised, and growing more and more delighted with the new world that was now open to her as the black letters grew alive and turned into men and things and exciting stories. That same evening Heidi found the large book with the beautiful pictures lying on her plate when she took her place at the table, and when she looked questioningly at the grandmother, she nodded kindly to Heidi and said, 'Yes, it's yours now.' 'Mine, to keep always? Even when I go home?' said Heidi, blushing with pleasure. 'Yes, of course, yours forever,' the grandmother assured her. 'Tomorrow we will begin to read it.' 'But you are not going home yet, Heidi, not for years,' put in Clara. 'When grandmother goes away, I shall want you to stay on with me.' When Heidi went to her room that night she had another look at her book before going to bed, and from that day forth her chief pleasure was to read the tales which belonged to the beautiful pictures over and over again. If the grandmother said, as they were sitting together in the evening, 'Now Heidi will read aloud to us,' Heidi was delighted, for reading was no trouble to her now, and when she read the tales aloud the scenes seemed to grow more beautiful and distinct, and then grandmother would explain and tell her more about them still.

Answer ALL questions.

Write your answers in the spaces provided.

1 From lines 1–4, give one way that Heidi's behaviour shows that she enjoys reading. (1)

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(Total for Question 1 = 1 mark)

2 From the extract, identify one time when Heidi looks at her book. (1)

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(Total for Question 2 = 1 mark)

3 In this extract the writer has used language and structure to interest and engage the reader. The table below identifies four language or structural features from the extract.

For each one you should:

- identify an example from the extract
- explain how they interest and engage the reader. (8)

Type of language or structure	Example	Explanation of the effect of the language or structure
adverb		
verb		
question and answer		
metaphor		

(Total for Question 3 = 8 marks)

