

Unit 5 > Extra Text: The wrong tongue (pp. 104-105)

True or false? Learn how to justify your answers

Even if many quotations are acceptable when you justify your answers, you must try and provide **the best possible** word, phrase or sentence.

In the following exercise,

- Say whether each statement is true or false.
- Tick the best justification.
- Be prepared to explain why the others are wrong or not so good.

a. The narrator was brought up by a black woman until he was five. True False

1. L. 11: "At the age of 5"

2. L. 11: "At the age of 5 [...] I was torn from my lovely black nanny."

3. L. 4: "My Zulu wet nurse became my nanny" ; L. 11: "At the age of 5 [...] I was torn from my lovely black nanny."

4. L. 1-13: "Before my life started properly ... boarding school."

b. His nanny was affectionate. True False

1. L. 4: "my Zulu wet nurse became my nanny"

2. L. 5: "she would clasp me to her breasts and stroke my golden curls"

3. L. 7: "my hurts were soothed with a song about a brave young warrior"

c. He did not mind eating canteen food. True False

1. L. 14: "yellow wedges of pumpkins, burnt black and bitter at the edges"

2. L. 16: "carrots"

d. The other pupils were at least 7 years old. True False

1. L. 11: "at the age of five [...] I was [...] sent to boarding school"; L. 19 "I was the youngest child in the school by two years"

2. L. 34: "the little kid's dormitory"

3. L. 41: "twelve-year-old judge"

e. He was not aware that the other boys hated him. True False

1. L. 23: "It was a hate that had entered the Afrikaner bloodstream..."

2. L. 33: "I had had no previous warning that I was wicked and it came as a fearful surprise."

3. L. 19: "I spoke only English, the infected tongue..."