

# The Solitary Tree

The Black Knight tied his horse to a solitary tree in an otherwise desolate landscape. He took out a leather pouch which contained all the pearls that they had found.

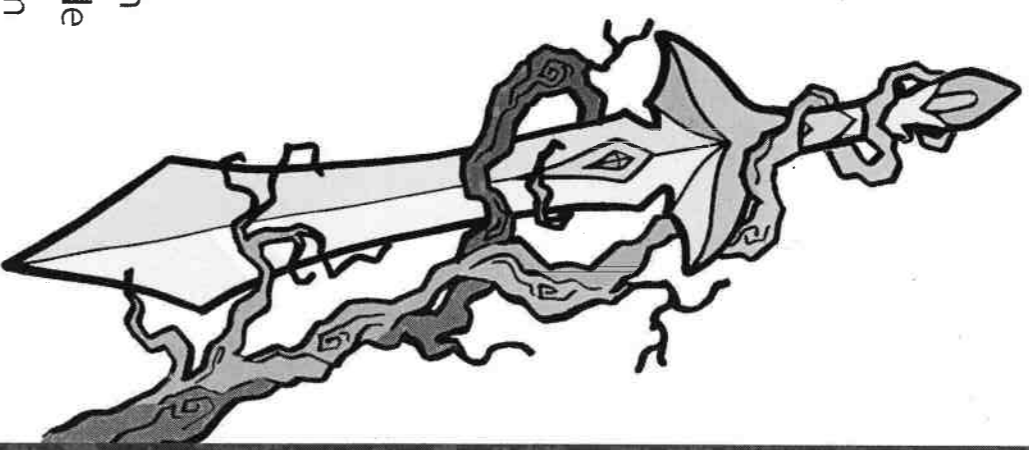
"How many have we got?" asked Pip.

"You count them," said the knight as he carelessly threw the pouch to him.

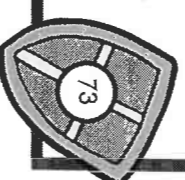
Pip caught it awkwardly, and the little bag slipped through his fingers and fell to the ground. As it hit the roots of the tree, the pouch burst open and the pearls fell out, rolling down a chink in the earth. Pip jumped down from the pony and desperately scrambled after them.

"Don't worry," said the Black Knight. "They have served their purpose."

But Pip would not be appeased until he got every single pearl back. He urgently dug into the earth with his bare hands. The earth was quite loose and he managed to dig deep into the ground surprisingly quickly. He exposed several white tree roots to the sunlight for the first time. Then incredibly, the roots began to move of their own accord. Initially, they twisted and turned, but then the whole ground began to shake violently. Pip fell heavily to the ground as the roots began to break free of the earth and coil their way upwards. The roots seemed to be pulling at something deep beneath the base of the tree. Then in a shower of earth the roots offered up an object which suddenly landed at Pip's feet: a sword.



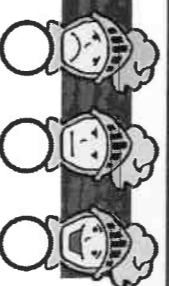
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## Red Knights

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I can use fronted adverbials.



Rearrange the sentences so that they start with an adverb and a comma. The adverbs have been underlined to help you.

- 1 Pip caught the bag awkwardly.

Awkwardly, .....

- 2 He desperately scrambled after the pearls.

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- 3 He urgently dug into the earth with his bare hands.

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- 4 He managed to dig deep into the earth in a surprisingly short time.

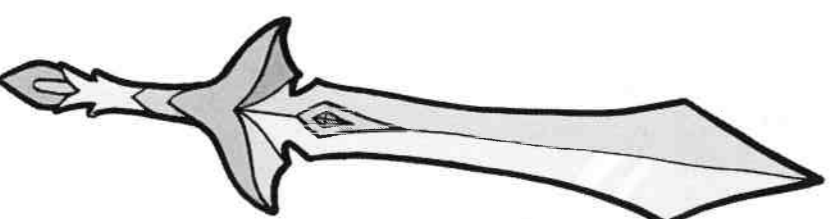
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- 5 The roots incredibly began to move.

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- 6 A sword suddenly landed at Pip's feet.

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Extension

Find the other adverbs in the passage and write sentences starting with them.

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