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## The Return of the Animals

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1) Which **two** words are used to describe the light?

- a) Pale, beam
- b) Weakly through
- c) Completely silent

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- 2) What does the word **dewy** mean? a) crispy or dry b) wet or damp c) sweet
- 3) Find and copy a phrase that describes the grass. a) Dewy undergrowth b) dense woodland c) a soft carpet

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- 5) How is the smell of the rubbish described? a) disgusting, ghostly and overwhelming  
b) thick cloud, choked and putrid c) Disgusting, putrid, overwhelming.
- 6) Find and copy the simile which describes the buildings. a) disgusting, putrid and overwhelming aroma. b) The buildings stood like ghostly soldiers watching over the destruction in front of them. c) smoke that choked the city.

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- 7) Find and copy a fronted adverbial in this paragraph. a) Slumped in his bed b) As he tentatively pulled the material back c) He let out a sigh

Find and copy a word that means the same as 'said'. a) crossing b) sigh c) muttered

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