

## Answers

What is the meaning of the word exotic in the first sentence?

From far away

An **idiom** is a phrase or expression whose meaning can't be understood from the ordinary meanings of the words in it. What idiom does the writer use meaning that he felt nervous?

I felt a familiar knot in my stomach.

In the first sentence of the second paragraph, what two contrasting adjectives are used to show the response of the author and his brother?

I called **urgently** to my brother, who was snoring **quietly** in his own bed.

Why do you think that the author finds himself on his own?

The characters split up and there is thick smoke which makes it difficult to see.

What simile is used in paragraph 3?

Bright flames from the burning building lit the scene like a thousand torches.

How does the writer link mother's scream to her attack on the barbarian?

They both use the verb pierced.

In what order do the following happen?

The author hears the cry of wild animals

Cato wakes up

The author hides

The slaves are killed

The author hears a hiss

Mother kills a barbarian

What do you think will happen next in the story?

I haven't written it yet! Hopefully, you have come up with some great ideas!