

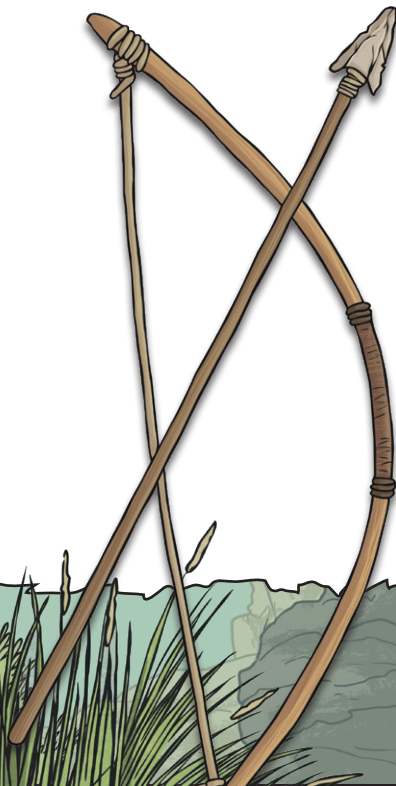
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Questions



1. What does **trundling and stumbling** tell you about the baby mammoth's walk?



2. What do you think the hunter did next? Give a reason for your answer.



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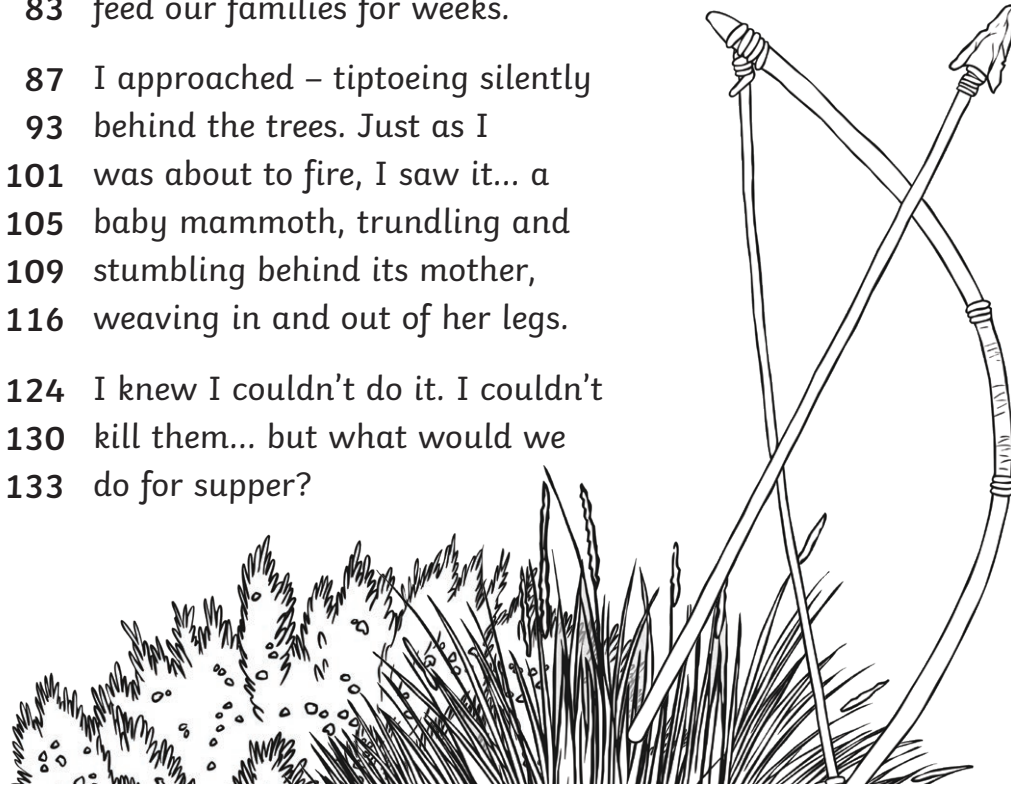
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Answers



1. What does **trundling and stumbling** tell you about the baby mammoth's walk?
Pupils' own responses, such as: The description tells me that the baby mammoth's walk was unsteady.



2. What do you think the hunter did next? Give a reason for your answer.
Pupils' own responses, such as: I think the hunter watched the baby mammoth and its mother for a while and then decided to look for something else to hunt instead as it says 'I couldn't kill them'.



3. How has the author made the character seem unsure at the end of the text?
Pupils' own responses, such as: The author has used a question, ellipses and repetition of the word 'couldn't' which makes the character seem unsure at the end.



4. Explain how the hunter's feelings change throughout the text.
Pupils' own responses, such as: At the beginning, the hunter is feeling ready to hunt but after he sees the mammoth has a family he is reluctant to hunt it.