

A Lifetime on the Hills – Challenge Activity

Section A

These words have been taken from the text. Match each word to the correct meaning.

<u>Word</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
dawn	an estate on which crops such as coffee are grown
plantation	arranged loosely or casually on or around something
draped	the first appearance of light before sunrise
chequered	to bring back or reinstate
community	space or equipment necessary for doing something
restore	having a pattern of alternating squares of different colours
facilities	a group of people living in the same place

Section B

Outside the sun was now bright and rising in the sky; its warmth beginning to flood the land as hill-shadows shrank in the depths of the valleys. On the far hillside, step upon step of tea fields lined the land, but the mountain upon which Kwisera's house rested was draped in the chequered pattern of small farms for which Rwanda was well known.

Look at the definitions below. Identify the word they are describing from the above verse.

Definition

became or made smaller in size

a repeated decorative design

moving from a lower position to a higher one

placed so as to stay in a specified position

giving out or reflecting a lot of light

low areas of land between hills or mountains

Word

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Section C

Write the meaning of each of these words.

isolated _____

nourishment _____

lurching _____

replenish _____

burrow _____

swathes _____

reverie _____

turmoil _____

inconvenience _____

latrine _____

Section D

The building was built of mud brick but had a bright red metal roof, paid for by the Fairtrade money. Kwisera was old enough to know what working on a non-Fairtrade tea farm was like. The lack of good facilities, the lack of funds, the turmoil of having prices squeezed down and down. But that was gone now. So were the small inconveniences. The new metal roof kept the tea baskets dry, and as there were not many things more uncomfortable than having a wet basket strap chafing on your skin all day, the workers were very grateful for it!

Write down a word from the text above that means the same as the following. Then use a thesaurus to find TWO more synonyms for each word.

painful _____

assets _____

appreciative _____

constructed _____

rubbing _____

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Outside the sun was now **bright** and **rising** in the sky; its warmth beginning to flood the land as hill-shadows **shrank** in the depths of the **valleys**. On the far hillside, step upon step of tea fields lined the land, but the mountain upon which Kwisera's house **rested** was draped in the chequered **pattern** of small farms for which Rwanda was well known.

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became or made smaller in size	shrank
a repeated decorative design	pattern
moving from a lower position to a higher one	rising
placed so as to stay in a specified position	rested
giving out or reflecting a lot of light	bright
low areas of land between hills or mountains	valleys

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Section C

Write the meaning of each of these words.

isolated – remote; far away from other places, buildings or people

nourishment – the food or other substances necessary for growth and health

lurching – make an abrupt, unsteady, uncontrolled movement

replenish – fill something up again

burrow – a hole or tunnel dug by a small animal

swathes – a broad strip or area of something

reverie – a state of being pleasantly lost in one's thoughts; a daydream

turmoil – a state of great disturbance, confusion or uncertainty

inconvenience – trouble or difficulty caused to one's personal requirements or comfort

latrine – a toilet or outhouse

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painful	uncomfortable	e.g. unpleasant	e.g. awful
assets	funds	e.g. resources	e.g. coffers
appreciative	grateful	e.g. thankful	e.g. glad
constructed	built	e.g. erected	e.g. assembled
rubbing	chafing	e.g. irritating	e.g. scraping