

KS3 English
Spoken Language / Writing
Questioning, listening, recording and summarising



## Robin Hill Detectives Required! Can you find answers to important questions?

#### Student Introduction

- ▶ Are you good at using clues in order to work out answers to questions?
- Do you have the perseverance to hunt high and low to find information?
- Are your detective skills up to scratch?



You are going to use your skills to find out the answers to questions about Robin Hill.

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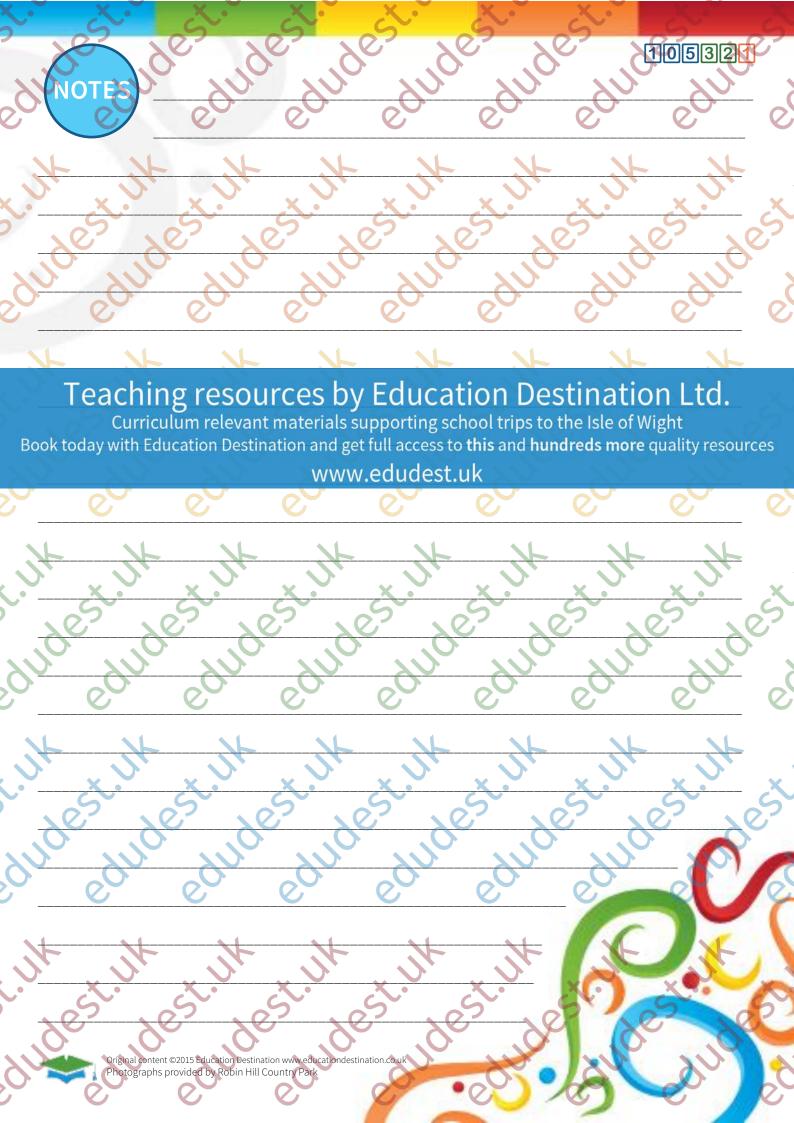
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#### Find the answers to the following:

Questions

- a) What tells you that the scent in the glands of a squirrel are strong?
- b) Cuckoos are lazy. Find information to prove this theory.
- c) Explain why bluebells must have been at Robin Hill for centuries.
- d) Multiply the distance from Robin Hill to Cherbourg by the distance from Robin Hill to Bristol (in miles).
- e) What do you think a Monument Order is?
- f) What is the Bestival?
- g) Find out which Chinese symbol you are. Give reasons why this is a good reflection of your character. Give reasons why it isn't.
- h) Why do you think that there is a different record for a totem pole and a tree carving?
- i) What is the reason for the survival of red squirrels on the Isle of Wight?
- j) One of Alfred Tennyson's poems mentions two things that can also be found at Robin Hill, What are they?



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# TEACHER ANSWER SHEET

a) What tells you that the scent in the glands of a squirrel are strong?

The scent (which is put on to their food before it is buried) can be picked up many months later.

b) Cuckoos are lazy. Find information to prove this theory.

They steal the nests of other birds, rather than build their own.

c) Explain why bluebells must have been at Robin Hill for centuries.

Bluebells don't colonise woods very quickly, so the fact that they carpet the entire wood suggest that they have been at Robin Hill for a long time.

d) Multiply the distance from Robin Hill to Cherbourg by the distance from Robin Hill to BT eaching resources by Education Destination Ltd.

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mation which states that the buried villa is protected by a monument order and is unlikely to be uncovered again.

f) What is the Bestival?

A music festival held every September for 50,000 people at Robin Hill.

- g) Find out which Chinese symbol you are. Give reasons why this is a good reflection of your character. Give reasons why it isn't.
- h) Why do you think that there is a different record for a totem pole and a tree carving?

They are not created in the same way and cannot, therefore, be compared. A tree carving is completed whilst the tree is upright; however, a totem pole is carved whilst the tree is lying on the ground.

i) What is the reason for the survival of red squirrels on the Isle of Wight?

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There are no grey squirrels on the Isle of Wight to drive them from their habitat.

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