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Touching the Void

Re-read the extract on your own and try to answer the following questions. Some of the questions ask you to think about the way the extract has been written.

1. Why do you think Simon had 'forgotten' about the slides and the wind and cold?

1 mark

2. What did Simon find in the rucksack that felt 'smooth'?

2 marks

3. Why did Simon pause before cutting the rope?

2 marks

4. Why do you think Simon was shaking after he cut the rope?

2 marks

5. Why do you think Simon says he was not concerned about where Jo was or whether he was alive immediately after he had cut the rope?

3 marks

6. How does the writer use 'personification' (making objects/things act like a person) in this extract? Give an example and try to explain it.

3 marks

7. To whom was Simon asking the question 'Had I killed him?'?

2 marks