

Eron's Enlightenment

The bright jolt of lightning, which seemingly came from nowhere, coursed through Eron's veins. It illuminated his every pore. As a dog would with a toy, it swung him to and fro between its jagged, electric teeth before finally dropping him like an unwanted wrapper.

Eron took a second to regain his composure. He sat up, brushed the dust and silt from his robes and tried, once again, to settle back into the meditation which kept being disrupted.

The aim to be truly still seemed harder than ever. Eron's mind raced through a thousand thoughts between every inward breath. Was this a challenge from the gods? Wasn't it the gods themselves who wanted him to achieve peace? How could a mere human be expected to meditate while being used like an electricity pylon?

'No, be still', he echoed in his mind. As the dense mist of cluttering thoughts lifted, Eron had a split second of clarity. It was then that the invasive bolt struck again.

"How will I ever become enlightened if this thing won't leave me alone?" Eron roared, after finding himself in a heap once more. Feeling defeated, he rolled up his mat and walked towards home, never considering that the powerful storm was actually within him.



1. *It illuminated his every pore.*

Which word is closest in meaning to *illuminated*?

Tick **one**.

filled

explored

brightened

imagined

1 mark

2. Circle the correct option to complete the sentence below.

The text begins with Eron...

regaining his composure.

playing with a dog.

experiencing the lightning. ✓

arguing with the gods.

1 mark

3. *As a dog would with a toy...*

What does this description suggest about Eron?

It suggests that Eron has played with a dog in the past and he is thinking about it now.

4. Look at the paragraph beginning: *Eron took a second...*

How do you know that Eron is determined?

because the words 'no, be still' are echoing in his mind

1 mark

5. Look at the paragraph beginning: *Eron took a second...*

Find and **copy one** word from this paragraph that is closest in meaning to 'sand'.

dust and silt

1 mark

6. "How will I ever become enlightened if this thing won't leave me alone?"
Eron roared...

This tells us that at the end of the story Eron felt...

Tick **one**.

annoyed

lonely

enlightened

peaceful

1 mark

7. Why did Eron roll up his mat and begin to walk home?

it was time to go home

1 mark

8. What was revealed at the end of the story?

Tick **one**.

Eron had tried to meditate numerous times.

The extreme weather had stopped Eron's meditation.

The lightning Eron experienced was not real lightning.

Eron believes in tidying up after his meditation.

1 mark

9. Do you think that Eron will try to meditate in the future?

- yes
- no
- maybe

Explain your choice fully, using evidence from the text.

he likes meditating because it is fun and he already has a mat so he will probably just use it again

3 marks

10. Number the following events 1-5 to show the order in which they happened.

The first one has been done for you.

He tries to settle back into the meditation.	1
A split second of clarity is achieved.	4
Eron brushes the dust and silt from his robes.	1
Eron's mind begins to race with thousands of thoughts.	2
He reminds himself to be still.	3

1 mark

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