

Read the extract below. Look at the underlined words. Without using a dictionary, see if you can write a definition for each word.

Once you have done this, use a dictionary to check your definitions. How many were correct?

Grendel understood this, and he knew he was weakening, that his end must be near. He could think of no possible way to escape. Great-hearted Beowulf, sensing his sagging strength, had him still by arm, now twisted it and turned it until the shoulder muscles split apart, the tendons snapped, the bone joints burst, and Grendel's arm was ripped and wrenched, bleeding, from his body.

Then Grendel fled armless and half dead from Heorot. Over the moors he staggered and stumbled, through the fens back to his den, knowing all the while that this was his last day on earth, that his life's blood was draining from him.

Weakening-

Escape-

Sagging

Tendons-

Wrenched-

Moors-

Staggered-

Draining-