

Answers

1. E.g. Because the grass is unfamiliar and tall, so it seems threatening, and because he is on his own for the first time in his life.
2. "Snow-clouds of elder-blossom" E.g. It helps you to imagine what the elder-blossom looks like, because it creates a picture of the blossom being white and fluffy, like clouds of snow.
3. a. c. a simile b. E.g. Comparing the sun to a bully makes it sound cruel and violent. This helps the reader to understand why the narrator feels so frightened and upset.
4. E.g. Because a shield protects you, and his sisters' faces form a shield that protects him from the sun.
5. Any appropriate answer. E.g. Yes, because writers often make the natural world sound beautiful, but the narrator makes it sound frightening and horrible. For example, he says that the air smelled "rank".

