

"She definitely hasn't had any drugs?" the paramedic asked me sternly, checking Hannah's pulse.

"No."

"You're not lying?"

I wasn't, about the drugs at least. All it took was three sips of Ged'up. It was a daily ritual that I'd started.

"To get our wings," I always said, popping the can open.

I watched as they strapped her to the ambulance gurney. Her arms were jiggling about wildly. Like flapping wings, I thought. The heart rate monitor showed 222 ... 233 ... 241.

"I'm buzzing, how about you?" Hannah had asked me. Before I could reply, her can hit the ground, red bubbles spilling everywhere. Then her head flopped into my lap.

It's strange, my best friend's life was in the balance and I was trying to picture how many sips I'd had. Five or six. Hannah had only three. So did that mean ...?

The jagged green line on the monitor went flat. The paramedics tried to resuscitate Hannah but nothing happened.

So I yelled, "She had an energy drink!"

They grabbed the defibrillator and her body jolted from the first shock. Then her pulse suddenly returned.

"We know that," one of them said, concentrating on the screen. "She's also got a weak heart."

"A what?"

But they weren't interested in me. Hannah's eyes opened and she looked straight at me. I turned away, remembering what she'd told me the first time I gave her a can.

"I'm not supposed to have stimulants. Apparently my heart is made wrong."

It's easy to say I never thought the drinks were bad for Hannah. But I did. And in the ambulance I pretended I was in danger as well. Which is pathetic. I imagined the headline: *Girl lucky to live after energy drink emergency. Best friend to blame.* It wasn't far from the truth.

Read each question carefully and circle one answer.

- 1 What form of text is this?**
- historical recount
 - diary entry
 - personal anecdote
 - personal letter
- 2 Why is direct speech used in this text?**
- Direct speech is used to show what the characters said.
 - Direct speech is used to show that the text is a story.
 - Direct speech is used to show what the paramedics did.
 - Direct speech is used to show what was said in this sequence of events.
- 3 Who is retelling this series of events?**
- Hannah's best friend
 - a journalist
 - a paramedic
 - Hannah
- 4 What idea or concept is the phrase *red bubbles spilling everywhere* intended to evoke?**
- adventure
 - death
 - medicine
 - drugs
- 5 What is involved in the *daily ritual* referred to at the beginning of the text?**
- practising flying
 - going for a run
 - skipping the first class of school
 - having an energy drink
- 6 What is implied about energy drinks in this text?**
- They contain stimulants that are potentially life-threatening.
 - They contain alcohol.
 - They contain proteins that may cause allergies.
 - They contain health foods.
- 7 Which sentence in the text indicates that Hannah had no heart function?**
- Hannah had only three.
 - Apparently my heart is made wrong.
 - The jagged green line on the monitor went flat.
 - Then her pulse suddenly returned.
- 8 Did Hannah's friend know that energy drinks were dangerous for Hannah?**
- Yes, because Hannah had said that she wasn't supposed to have stimulants.
 - No, because Hannah hadn't said anything about her weak heart.
 - Yes, because Hannah had been sick from energy drinks before.
 - No, because Hannah hadn't ever had an energy drink until this one.
- 9 What was *pathetic*, according to the narrator?**
- The way Hannah looked in the ambulance was pathetic.
 - It was pathetic that the narrator pretended to be in danger too.
 - The way the events were reported in the newspaper was pathetic.
 - The unnecessary death of Hannah was pathetic.
- 10 What is implied in the final sentence of the text?**
- The narrator was not to blame for what happened to Hannah.
 - The narrator acted carelessly and contributed to the unnecessary harm of a friend.
 - The paramedics were wrong to ask whether Hannah had taken drugs.
 - Neither Hannah nor her friend could have predicted that there would be a problem.

Text type: Recount

NAPLAN*-style questions: Reading

- 1 personal anecdote
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- 4 death
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