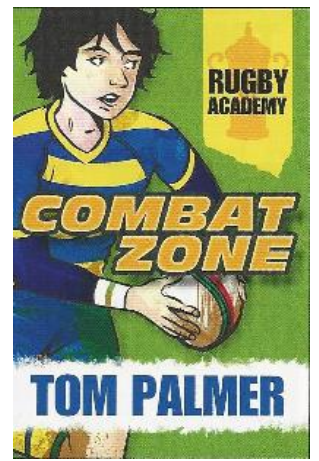


READING QUIZ

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From Chapter 1

The silver BMW made a sharp swerve left to avoid the deer that stood frozen in its headlights. Woody held his breath. A part of him wished the car had come off the road. But only so that the journey would stop – he didn't have a death wish or anything like that.

But the car didn't come off the road. Woody watched his dad's arms tense as he controlled the car with perfect skill. That was how Woody's dad always drove. It was part of who he was.

A man who liked to travel at speed.

A fighter pilot in the RAF.

Woody stared out of the car window. Its headlights lit up the forest on either side of the road. Thick tree-trunks flashed by.

"I don't want to do this," Woody said. "I liked my old school. I liked my friends. I'm just about to start my GCSEs."

His dad didn't take his eyes from the road.

"Borderlands is a great school," he said. "It was my school. You'll make new friends. You'll play lots of sport."

"The wrong sport," Woody snapped.

His dad paused before he spoke again.

Woody knew he was working out what to say so that he could win the argument.

"Rugby is a wonderful game," his dad said at last. "I learned more from rugby than you'll ever learn playing soccer. And the school runs a serious rugby academy now."

1 What sort of animal did Woody's Dad swerve to miss?

2 When are they travelling?

3 What job does Woody's dad have?

4 How old roughly do you think Woody is?

5 Which sport do you think Woody is calling "the wrong sport"?

6 Why does Woody's dad pause before speaking?