

# Answers

1. Find and copy two words from the text which the author uses to describe the hill on which the mill sits.

**bare, stony**

2. *during his absence*

How else could the author have written this phrase?

**Pupils' own responses, such as: 'while he was not there'**

3. *as the ghostly moon ruled the sky*

What effect does this phrase have on the atmosphere of the story?

**Pupils' own responses, such as: This phrase gives a spooky atmosphere to the story because it describes the moon as like a ghost.**

4. *...the miller peered inside and saw a swarm of tiny figures*

Why do you think the author describes the group of figures as a swarm?

**Pupils' own responses, such as: The author describes them as a swarm because they are working busily like bees and a group of bees can be called a swarm.**