

The Jamie Drake
Equation
- Phase 2

Day 2: Identify,
Examine, Practise,
Apply

Identify

Can you spot the words/phrases in the text?

Then I see it, half hidden behind a bank of trees, a squat red-brick building topped with a white, dome-shaped roof. The walls of the building are half covered in ivy and shrubs, making it blend in with the woodland that surrounds it, and as I get closer I can see coils of barbed wire sitting below the lip of the dome, its white paint peeling in places and mottled with a greenish tint. The observatory looks abandoned, the only clue to its former life the rectangular slit in the side of the dome, left open to the sky. I reach a rusting chain-link fence, the battered red-and-white sign that's fixed to this warning:

PRIVATE PROPERTY
TRESPASSERS WILL BE PROSECUTED

But less than a metre to the left I spot a gap between the fence post and a padlocked gate, the chain hanging so loose that it's easy enough for me to squeeze through.

Examine

| Vocabulary | Meaning | What feeling does the phrase generate? |
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| Half hidden | | |
| Squat red-brick building | | |
| Blend in | | |
| Coils of barbed wire | | |
| Paint peeling | | |
| Rusting chain-link fence | | |
| Battered red-and-white sign | | |



Practise

- How can you edit this paragraph to create a sense of abandonment and mystery?



Apply

Can you now describe the observatory as Jamie gets closer to it?