

'Be Prepared' Comprehension Answers

Verse

***I never thought hyenas essential
They're crude and unspeakably plain
But maybe they've a glimmer of potential
If allied to my vision and brain***

1. What does the word essential mean?

It means absolutely necessary; extremely important.

2. Why are hyenas essential to Scar?

Mufasa is the King so Scar must rely on the hyenas who are the enemy of the lions.

3. Why would Scar have never thought hyenas would be essential?

As he states in the next line, they are crude and plain.

4. Does Scar see hyenas as an equal partner?

No – he criticises and belittles them. He is using them to get what he wants rather than seeing them as deadly partners.

5. Why does he only see a glimmer of potential?

The word glimmer shows a slight, hidden chance. He isn't overly confident in the hyena's ability. But he has hope in them.

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6. What does the word allied mean?

To join and work together.

7. Why does Scar use this word?

Because they will need to work together to carry out the plan. This word is often linked to war so it shows the war for the throne!

8. Can you think of a word that Scar might use to describe himself?

Multiple answers. Maybe: intelligent or cunning as he thinks he will win if the hyenas use his brain.

