

Task 1 – Improving vocabulary

Write out the extract below – changing the neutral (uninteresting) verbs in to stronger ones.

James saw the old house first. Holes showed in its thatched roof and weeds covered the garden. To hide the fear that went through their bodies, the boys kept up a steady stream of chatter.

With a show of bravado, they walked through a gap in the wall and worked through the tangle of weeds until they stood before the enormous front door. James raised his hand tentatively and pulled on the handle. Slowly the door swung open.

With the other boys close on his heels, James stepped over the threshold into a large hall. The boys looked at the room, not quite sure what to make of it. Instead of the dust they expect to see covering the floor, or the cobwebs they imagined would be hanging from the ceiling, the room was spotlessly clean.

Challenge

Using the image below write a narrative of the runner's experiences whilst taking his first run in 20 years.

