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**5d. Can prove or disprove a statement about character or setting by finding evidence in the text**

*Read the text and answer the questions below. Use the spaces provided to write your answers or put a tick or number in the correct box.*

**The Great Doughnut Race**

A large crowd gathered around the enormous trestle table which was covered in a red and white checked tablecloth and held a variety of gargantuan dishes towering with sugary, sticky, jam doughnuts.

Jonathan gulped; he had been waiting for this day ever since last year’s doughnut-eating contest, when he had embarrassed himself by only managing four, but this year he had practised. OK, his jeans were feeling rather tight and his t-shirts were also snug, but all of the practice would be worth it if he was victorious today. His hands felt sweaty and he could feel nerves creeping in; now was not the time to start feeling sick! He tried to focus on feeling hungry, reminding himself that he had had nothing to eat since the previous evening. He imagined his favourite food – hot, crispy roast potatoes and light and fluffy Yorkshire puddings and he began to salivate. He could do this!

Trying to calm his anticipation, he glanced around at the other contestants. They were laughing and fooling around with their friends; they clearly weren’t as bothered as he was, but he had far more to lose. He desperately needed to win in order to restore his reputation as the best eater in school and get back in with Jimbo and the gang. He couldn’t face another year of isolation and humiliation, hanging out with people he had nothing in common with. His thoughts were interrupted by a loud speaker.

“And now Ladies and Gentlemen, boys and girls, we are ready for the event of the year, our annual doughnut-eating contest!”

Whoops and cheers came from the crowd and, as he soaked up the atmosphere, he caught Jimbo’s eye. He was smirking at Jonathan and so were all of the others.

“Here goes nothing!” Jonathan thought.

A hush fell over the crowd as the referee approached. One by one she examined the plates of doughnuts and declared that they were all equal in size and all contained adequate amounts of jam.

“Contestants, take your places please!” yelled the red-faced judge, puffing for breath as she hurried towards the table.



1. In the first paragraph **find** and **copy** a group of words that suggests that the doughnut-eating contest is **popular.**

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1. What evidence is there in the text that Jonathan is **determined**? Give **two** points.

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1. Do you think Jimbo is a very nice character?

Yes / No (circle one)

Explain your answer using evidence from the text.

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