

Answers:

1. Cold and lonely. He wraps the blanket around him and is grumpy about the fire

2. Keeping track of the days

3. Proud and reminiscent - there's a sparkling tear in his eye

4. He is fascinated by it - it's his only company

5 You know/understand

6 Didn't/don't

7 He used its perseverance as inspiration

8 Six

9 Don't give in - keep trying