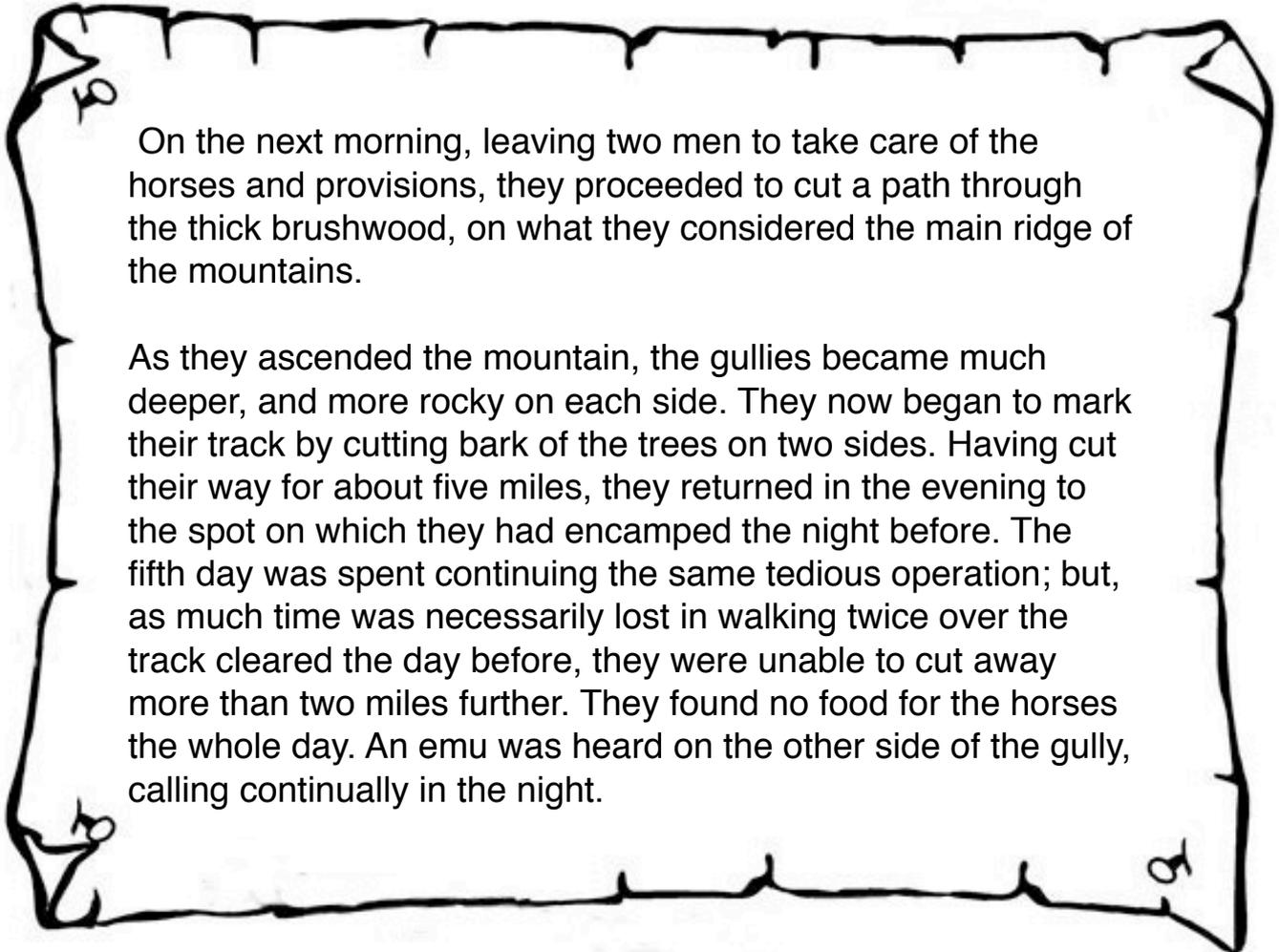


ACROSS THE BLUE MOUNTAINS – Activity Sheet 3

Carefully read the passage from Blaxland's journal.
Then read and answer in sentence form.



1. Why did the explorers have to cut a path through the bush?

2. Write down a sentence which shows how dangerous the mountain crossing was.

3. How did the explorers mark their path?

4. Why do you think they marked the path in this way?

5. Why do you think they didn't mark their path from the beginning of the journey?

6. If this passage finishes on the fifth day, the day before must have been the _____ day.

7. The explorers began their journey on Tuesday 11 May 1813. Work out the dates of the two days referred to in the passage.

a. _____ b. _____

8. On the first of these days how far did they cut their way?
(1 mile=1.6 kilometres)

9. Find words in the passage that mean:

went up _____

supplies _____

wearisome _____