

Answers

1. How can the passage of time change to feel quick and slow at once?

Sometimes, time seems to fly past quickly, especially if events are enjoyable or happy, but also if there are a lot of things happening in quick succession. At other times, time seems to drag slowly, especially if things are unenjoyable. There are some situations, like those that the author is experiencing, where time seems to go past both quickly and slowly at the same time.

2. Why does the author describe the memories of the attack in human form (with an eye and face)?

The attack is described in human form because although the bombs that did the damage aren't human, humans were operating the machinery that fired them and the author doesn't want to face that fact yet.

3. Why does the author have to force their feet to move?

The author may be weary of travelling and emotionally exhausted but if he or she stops, they may be left behind and won't reach safety. Forcing their feet to move will keep up with the rest of the group.

4. What reason could a 'friend' have for attacking other people?

Just like children fall out of friendship in the playground, adults can disagree about things and quickly become enemies. It may be about who makes the rules and laws or who owns some land. It can quickly turn into an argument or even a war when people hurt or kill each other.

5. If a thousand refugees marched into the place where you live, how would you react? Using information from the whole text, give reasons for your answer.

If a thousand refugees came through the place where I lived I would give them food and water and shelter if I could. You may not know when you might need the same things.

Or: If a thousand refugees came through the place where I lived, I would not give them food and water and shelter because the people who bombed the refugees may attack me for helping them.