

## Morning Starters: Autumn 2 - Mountain Mammals

### Word Challenge

**Write a synonym for each word underlined in the ‘Did you know?’ paragraph.**

**Note:** A synonym is a word that has the same or nearly the same meaning as another word.

### Did You Know?

ibex are remarkable, goat-like animals that inhabit the rugged mountainous regions of Europe, Asia, and Africa. Known for their incredible agility and balance, they are perfectly adapted to life on steep, rocky cliffs. These sure-footed creatures are often seen navigating vertical slopes with astonishing ease. Their preference for high, inaccessible terrain not only allows them to forage safely but also offers protection from predators that struggle to follow them into such challenging environments.

### Number Challenge

An ibex was stood on a rocky ledge. It was three quarters of the way up a cliff face that had a vertical height of 1,208 metres above ground level.

**How far above ground level was the ibex standing?**

### Grammar Challenge

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Leaping effortlessly, the ibex outwitted and outpaced the fox.

**How many different ways can you rewrite the above sentence?**

(Try to avoid adding or removing words.)



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### Critical Thinking

**If you were an ibex, which part of mountain life would you enjoy the most?**