

Paragraphs in non- fiction

WEEK 11

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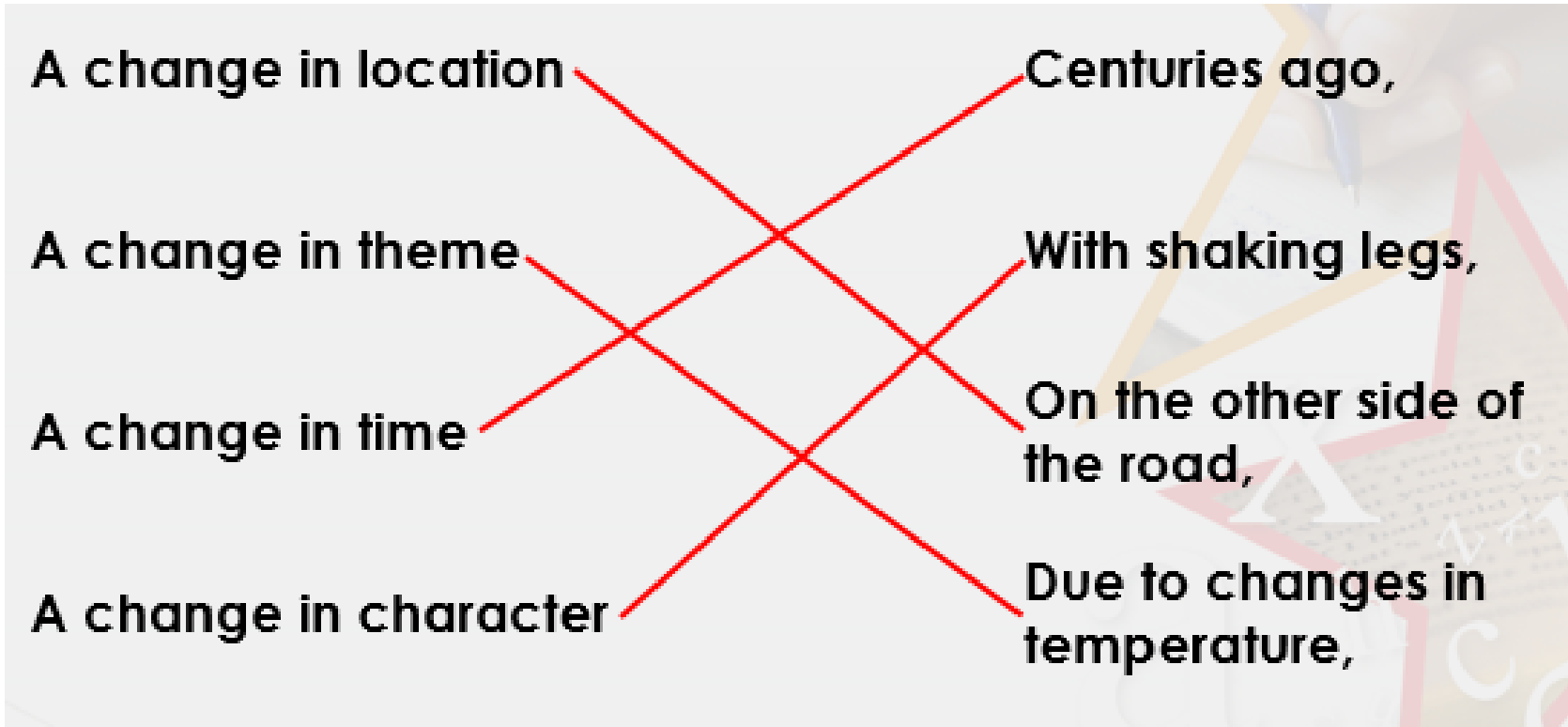
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False. It should be added to paragraph three under the sub-heading 'The Effects of Climate Change'.

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Various answers, for example:

Extinct Animals

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Under which sub-heading should it be placed? Explain your answer.

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