**AO1 Secure Therapy: Identify and interpret explicit and implicit information and ideas and select and synthesise evidence from different texts.**

Something that is **implicit** is inferred - it is suggested, but not actually said. Implicit meaning can be a little harder to find than explicit meaning. Writers like to draw you into their text and get you involved. The clues you need to make your mind up about a character are all in the text.

**Task 1:** Take a look at the extract below from *'Treasure Island'*. What can you tell about the character described in the text from reading between the lines? Some important phrases have been put in bold to give you a few clues.

I remember him as if it were yesterday, as he came **plodding** to the inn door, his sea-chest following behind him in a hand-barrow -- a tall, strong, heavy, nut-brown man, his tarry pigtail falling over the shoulder of his **soiled blue coat**, his hands **ragged and scarred**, with black, broken nails, and the sabre cut across one cheek, a dirty, **livid white**.

Fill in the table below of what you have inferred from the **implicit** information, the first one has been completed for you.

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| **Quote** | **What does this description reveal about Billy Bones?** |
| **‘plodding’** | ‘As he came plodding to the inn door’ shows that Billy Bones was moving slowly, possibly because he is old or injured. |
| **‘soiled blue coat’** |  |
| **‘ragged and scarred’** |  |
| **‘livid white’** |  |

**Task 2:** Using only the **implicit** information you have **inferred** from your table write a paragraph about what the description reveals about Billy Bones.

To be successful you will need both your evidence **(quotes)** and your own opinion as to what the quote reveals (analysis).

Here is what the first two points in the table look like in an example paragraph:

*The description of Billy Bones is quite frightening as the idea of him ‘****plodding’*** *suggests that Billy Bones was moving slowly; this may be because he is old or injured. We know that he is not very clean and, therefore, must be quite dirty looking as his coat is described as a* ***‘soiled blue coat’.*** *This suggests that the coat is stained heavily.*

Write your own paragraph below for the other two points in the table:

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