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91474 Respond critically to significant aspects of unfamiliar written texts through close reading, supported by evidence

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TEXT A: Prose

In this passage, the writer describes a visit to a library.

8.55am: Central City Library, central city

There are 13 people, myself included, outside the Auckland Central City Library before it opens at 9am.



That's the third thing a library is, regardless of its location, regardless of the hour: a place where you can ask for information — and receive help.

Glossed word	
Britomart	the central Auckland railway station (now named Waitematā Station)

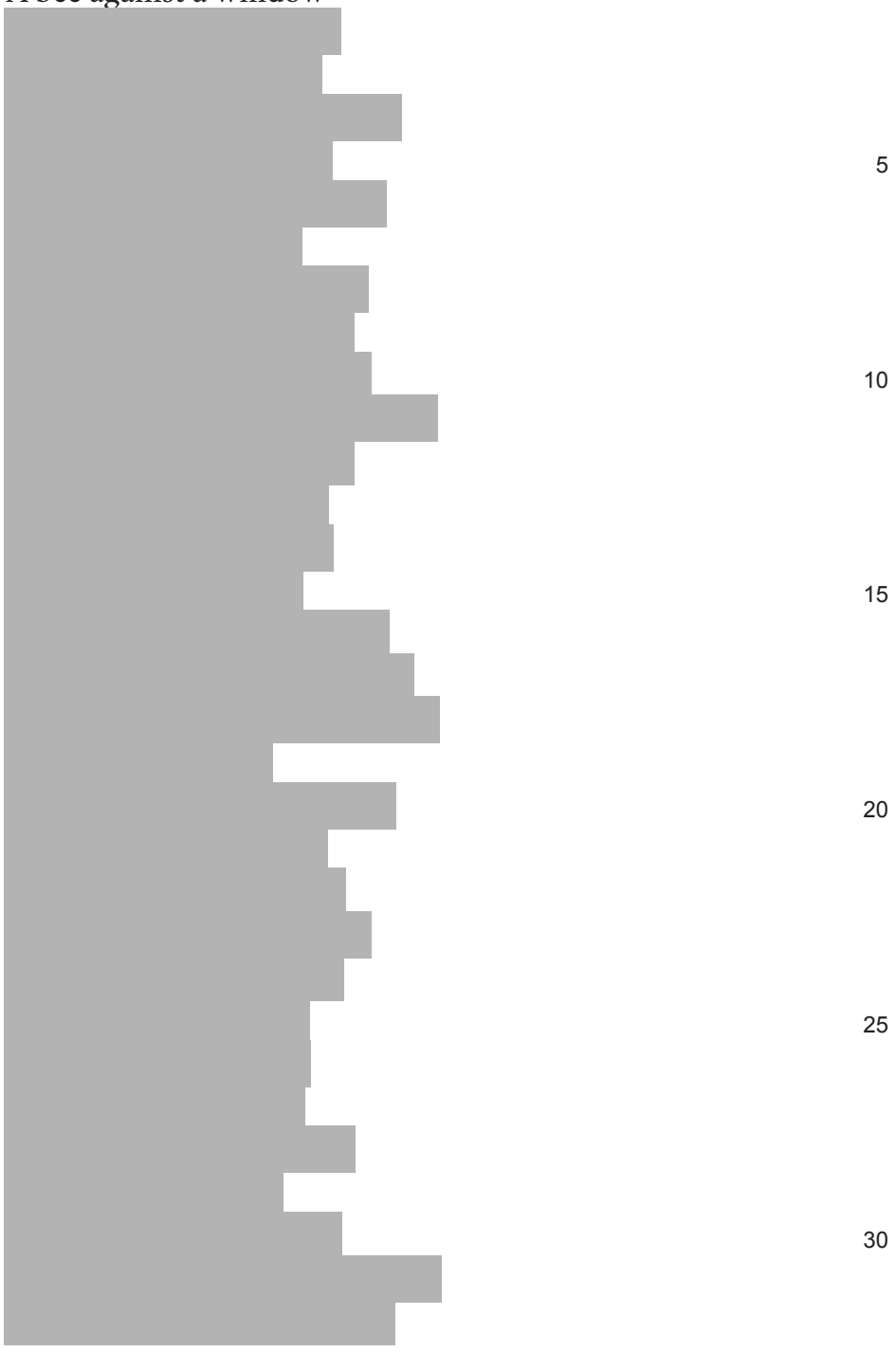
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TEXT B: Poetry

In this poem, the writer observes the fate of a bee.

A bee against a window

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the bee scales, forever.

Glossed words	
drone	a continuous low humming sound
viscous	having a thick or sticky consistency
sonar	navigation aid

Source: Kitching, Megan (2020). A bee against a window. In E. Neale (Ed.), *Landfall 239* (pp. 121–122). Otago University Press.