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**Paper 1 Explorations in creative reading  
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**‘The Mill’ by H E Bates**

**An extract from the beginning  
of a short story, published in  
1935.**

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**This extract is from the beginning of a short story by H E Bates, set in the 1930s. Hartop and his wife own a van from which they sell produce to people in their local area, and their daughter, Alice, works with them.**

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