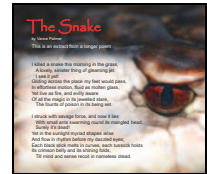


2010 Year 5 — Literacy preparation material

Reading and Viewing

Wait for your teacher.

Read *The Snake* on page 2 of the magazine and then answer the questions 1 to 9.



1 Which word gives information about the snake's colour?

- jet
- fire
- grass
- molten

Shade one bubble.



2 Where was the snake when it was first seen?

- behind the person
- on the molten glass
- on the person's feet
- in front of the person

3 What words in the text let the reader know that the snake is definitely dead?

- savage force
- jewelled stare
- ants swarming
- nameless dread

4 *Each black stick melts in curves*

This line in the poem means

- There are many curved sticks.
- Each stick looks like a snake.
- Black sticks melt rather than burn.
- The sun is so hot it melts the sticks.

5 What does the person in the poem think of the snake before he kills it?

- beautiful but evil.
- black and curved.
- shiny and magical.
- shiny but dangerous.

Shade one bubble.



6 What words best show how the poet describes the snake's movements?

- fiery and hot
- smooth and flowing
- swarming and tough
- magical and sparkling

7 What does the word *recoil* suggest in the last line of the poem?

- a feeling of fear.
- a sense of savagery.
- the curves of the stick.
- the shape of the snake.

8 What type of snake is described in the poem?

- a taipan
- a grass snake
- a diamond python
- a red bellied black snake

9 *Surely it's dead!*

Explain the **purpose** of this sentence in the poem.

Write your answer on the lines.



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Read *Roar for the Snow Leopard* on page 3 of the magazine and then answer questions 10 to 18.



10 What is key information in the blue section of this text?

The snow leopard

- can run quickly and quietly.
- cannot live in central Mongolia.
- has been endangered for centuries.
- is beautiful and well adapted to its environment.

Shade one bubble.



11 Which of the following statements is true according to the information in this text?

- Central Asia has many snow leopards.
- Central Asia is a wilderness environment.
- Central Asia has freezing mountain areas.
- Central Asia is another name for Mongolia.

12 A snow leopard uses its tail for

- protecting its young.
- protecting its habitat.
- protection from the weather.
- protection from other animals.

13 The fur on the underside of a snow leopard's feet helps it to

- grip the ice.
- hold its prey.
- move quietly
- hide its tracks.

14 The text argues that the snow leopard is endangered because of

- changes to its environment.
- living in a harsh environment.
- coping with the harsh weather.
- being isolated in the mountains.

15 Where is hunting snow leopards legal?

- only in Mongolia.
- most forest areas.
- most of Central Asia.
- only in the mountains.

Shade one bubble.



16 According to this text, which statement is true?

The snow leopard

- cannot be saved.
- is loved by everyone.
- lives across the globe.
- has a distinctive appearance.

17 How is the snow leopard different from other large cats?

Write your answer on the lines.



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18 *Roar now. Save the snow leopard from extinction!*

Why has the author used the word “roar” in this part of the text?

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Read *The answer is ...* on page 4 of the magazine and then answer the questions 19 to 29.



19 Why is Alice holding the seat?

- Dave gave her a fright.
- Her fingers are hurting.
- She is frightened of flying.
- She is slipping off the seat.

Shade one bubble.



20 What is the relationship between Dave and Alice?

- Alice is Dave's friend.
- Alice is Dave's older sister.
- Dave is Alice's older brother.
- Dave is Alice's younger brother.

21 Why are Dave and Alice flying to Newcastle?

- Dave loves flying.
- Driving is not fun.
- Alice is too young to drive.
- Flying is quicker than driving.

22 What does *snapped* mean in this text?

- said angrily
- broken in half
- cracked loudly
- stapled together

23 What is the most likely reason for Dave to suggest they play the questions game?

- He is feeling bored on the flight.
- He talks a lot when he is scared.
- He wants to take Alice's mind off flying.
- He has liked the game since he was young.

24

As soon as Dave suggests they play the question game Alice

- can't remember the game.
- is happy to play the game.
- is not interested in playing the game.
- wants to play only if she can win the game.

Shade one bubble.



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Which one of the following quotes show the change in Alice's attitude?

- "Fire away."*
- Alice snapped.*
- "Alright," she said.*
- She sat slumped in the chair.*

26

When Alice explains her game rules Dave is

- sick of her complaining.
- confident he can beat her.
- sure she will play by the rules.
- wary of Alice's motives for the new rules.

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Alice looked out the window, smiling contentedly.

Alice smiles contentedly out the window because she knows

- the answer to her question.
- the answer to Dave's question.
- there is no answer to her question.
- there is no answer to Dave's question.

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Explain who won the question game and why you think they won.

Write your answer on the lines.



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Which of these is a message you can take from this story?

- Boys are smarter than girls.
- Don't play games for money.
- Overconfidence can be a mistake.
- Older people can protect younger people.

Shade one
bubble.

