The Magic Tree House #12:  

Polar Bears Past Bedtime

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Quiz - Chapters 1 and 2

1. What animal led Jack and Annie to the tree house for this adventure?
   A. a rabbit
   B. a gazelle
   C. an owl

2. What was Morgan holding when Jack and Annie arrived at the tree house?
   A. scrolls
   B. books
   C. candy

3. What animals might Jack and Annie see on this Arctic adventure?
   A. lions, tigers, giraffes
   B. pigs, cows, horses
   C. caribou, seals, whales

4. What type of clothing did the seal hunter wear?
   A. wool
   B. flannel
   C. seal skin

5. How long does the sun shine in the Arctic during the summer season?
   A. 8 hours
   B. It doesn’t shine.
   C. 24 hours

6. The tundra is ______________________________.
   A. a rainforest
   B. a jungle
   C. a plain with no trees

7. The pod of whales was swimming gracefully by the large boat.
   Which word in this sentence is a collective noun?
   A. swimming
   B. pod
   C. boat
Chapter 7 - Predicting

When you predict, you guess what is going to happen. You can use the clues from the story and information you already know to help you predict what might happen.

Read the first page of chapter 7 and stop! What do you think the mother polar bear will do to Jack and Annie? Write your prediction on the line below.

I think the mother polar bear will...

___________________________________________________
___________________________________________________
___________________________________________________
___________________________________________________

Continue reading to see if your prediction was correct!

Read the following and predict what you think will happen.

1. Alex and Kim had been friends since kindergarten. They went over to each other’s houses every weekend and called each other on the phone each night during the week to discuss their day. When Kim’s mom got sick, Kim needed a place to stay while her mom went to the doctor to get well.
Predict what you think will happen. _____________________________________________

___________________________________________________

2. Jane had a beautiful dog named Holly. Holly had five puppies that looked just like her. Jane’s friend, Fred, had been wanting a puppy for several years and his mom finally agreed to let him get one.
Predict what you think will happen. _____________________________________________

___________________________________________________
1. What did the Arctic people use to build their igloos?
   A. blocks of snow
   B. brick
   C. dry snow

2. Fill in the blank.
   “John __________ outside with me and our friends yesterday.”
   A. play
   B. plays
   C. played

3. How did the mother polar bear get to her cubs when they were trapped on the ice with Jack and Annie?
   A. She walked out to them.
   B. She swam to them.
   C. She lay on the ice and moved forward by pushing herself with her claws.

4. How did the polar bear masks help Jack and Annie?
   A. The mask made them look like polar bears so the mother bear didn’t eat them.
   B. The mask made them brave.
   C. The mask hid them from the polar bears.

5. The colony of penguins waddled across the ice and slid into the water.
   Which word in this sentence is a collective noun?
   A. waddled
   B. ice
   C. colony

6. What was the answer to the riddle on the fifth scroll?
   A. mask
   B. home
   C. oyster

7. Which word is an antonym for “wise”?
   A. smart
   B. dumb
   C. bright

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