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Directions

Read this poem about a polar bear. Then answer questions 7 through 11.

Song of the Polar Bear
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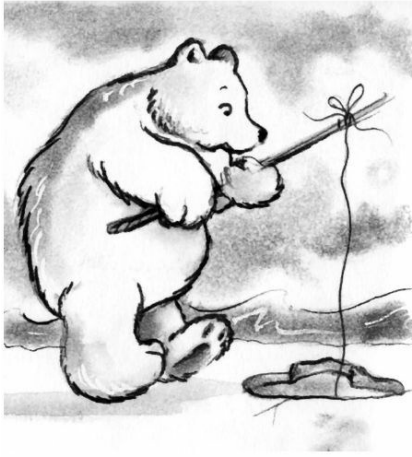
Is a Polar Bear happy in the North Where blizzards blow and the sea rolls gray?
Though he may not turn cartwheels for joy,
Still-
He doesn't pack up and move away
Oh no!
He doesn't pack up and move away.

Is a Polar Bear happy in the North
Where to find his dinner may take all day?
Though he may not laugh and shout hooray,
Still-
He doesn't pack up and move away
Oh no!
He doesn't pack up and move away.

Is a Polar Bear happy in the North
Where the swimming is frigid in the middle of May?
Though he may not clap his furry paws,
Still-
He doesn't pack up and move away
Oh no!
He doesn't pack up and move away.

Is a Polar Bear happy in the North
Where blizzards blow and the sea rolls gray?
Though he may not turn cartwheels for joy,
Still-
He doesn't pack up and move away
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1: What is this poem mostly about?

- A what a polar bear's life is like
- B how a polar bear swims
- C how a polar bear plays
- D what a polar bear eats for dinner

2: Read this line from the poem.

Where the swimming is frigid in the middle of May?

The word "frigid" most likely means

- A cold
- B fun
- C easy
- D dry

3: Which detail is most important to the meaning of the poem?

- A The sea is gray.
- B The blizzards blow.
- C The bear does not move away.
- D The bear does not do cartwheels.

4: The polar bear in this poem will **most likely**

- A find a colder place
- B learn to turn cartwheels
- C stop swimming in May
- D stay in the North

5: Read the chart below.

Life in the North Is Hard
blizzards blow and the sea rolls gray
?
swimming is frigid in the middle of May

Which phrase **best** completes the chart?

- A may not turn cartwheels for joy
- B may not laugh and shout *hooray*
- C packing up and moving away
- D finding dinner may take all day