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Directions

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

Song of the Polar Bear
by Beverly McLoughland
illustrated by Laura Rader

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
Oh no!
He doesn't pack up and move away.





- 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

Answer:

A

Point Value:

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- 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

Answer:

A

Point Value:

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- 3: Standard(s): [1.1.3.A](#), [1.2.3.A](#), [1.2.3.B](#), [R3.A.1.3.1](#), [R3.A.1.6.1](#), [R3.A.2.6.1](#), [R3.B.3.1.1](#), [R3.B.3.3.1](#), [R3.B.3.3.2](#), [R3.B.3.3.3](#), [R3.B.3.3.4](#), [CC.1.2.3.A](#), [CC.1.2.3.E](#), [CC.1.3.3.D](#), [CC.1.3.3.E](#)

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.

Answer:

C

Point Value:

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- 4: Standard(s): [1.2.3.D](#), [R3.A.1.3.1](#), [CC.1.2.3.B](#), [CC.1.2.3.C](#), [CC.1.2.3.G](#)

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

Answer:

D

Point Value:

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- 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

Answer:

D

Point Value:

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