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Nights of the Pufflings **Reading Assessment**

Reading: Word Analysis, Vocabulary, and Fluency

Directions: Read each sentence below. Choose the word that best replaces the underlined words.

1. After the storm, the lifeboat floated to the shore.
a. burrows c. ashore
b. venture d. stranded

2. They had arrived on a tiny island that was without people living there.
a. uninhabited c. instinctively
b. launching d. stranded

3. The family was stuck or trapped far from towns and peoples.
a. ashore c. venture
b. stranded d. burrows

4. Everyone looked at the edge of the trees for small animal underground nests and fruit.
a. launching c. stranded
b. uninhabited d. burrows

5. The children wanted to set out into the forest, even though it might be dangerous.
a. instinctively c. venture
b. stranded d. launching

6. Their parents acting on a feeling, without thinking made the children stay close.
a. uninhabited c. ashore
b. venture d. instinctively

7. When no one came to help, they began sending upwards bright flares into the sky.
a. launching c. ashore
b. uninhabited d. stranded

Directions: Study the dictionary entry below. Read each question and choose the best answer.

paddle *noun* **1.** A short oar that is used to move and steer a small boat. **2.** A tool with a flat blade used for stirring, mixing, or beating. *verb* **1.** To move and steer with a paddle. **2.** To swim by repeated short strokes of the limbs.
paddle (păd' l) *noun, plural paddles* *verb*
paddled, paddling

8. Read this sentence.

We watched the ducks paddle around the lake.

Which dictionary entry gives the BEST meaning for the word paddle as it is used in the sentence in the box?

- a. a short oar that is used to move and steer a small boat
- b. a tool with a flat blade used for stirring, mixing, or beating
- c. to move and steer with a paddle
- d. to swim by repeated short strokes of the limbs

9. Read this sentence.

Grandma used a paddle to mix the cookie dough for us.

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10. What is the meaning of *paddle* in this sentence?

Each child was given a paddle before they got into the boat.

- a. a short oar that is used to move and steer a small boat
- b. a tool with a flat blade used for stirring, mixing, or beating
- c. to move and steer with a paddle
- d. to swim by repeated short strokes of the limbs

Directions: Choose the best way to divide each word into syllables.

11. unfair

- a. unf-air
- b. unfa-ir
- c. un-fair
- d. u-nfair

12. stubborn

- a. stu-bborn
- b. stub-born
- c. stubbo-rn
- d. st-ubborn

13. friendly

- a. frien-dly
- b. fri-endly
- c. friendl-y
- d. friend-ly

14. snowball

- a. snow-ball
- b. sno-wball
- c. snowb-all
- d. sn-ow-ball

Reading Comprehension

Directions: Read each question. Choose the best answer.

1. The puffins return to the island after which season?

- a. winter
- b. spring
- c. summer
- d. fall

2. What causes the pufflings to crash-land in the village?

- a. moonlight
- b. lightning
- c. village lights
- d. rain

3. Which of the following could cause harm to the stranded pufflings?

- a. cats
- b. dogs
- c. cars
- d. all of the above

4. What do the puffin parents bring home for the chicks to eat?
- a. worms
 - b. fish
 - c. bugs
 - d. hamburgers
5. What do the village children do for the stranded pufflings?
- a. feed them
 - b. bathe them
 - c. rescue them
 - d. play with them
6. People sometimes cause problems for wildlife.
Which detail from the selection supports this main idea?
- a. The children rescue the pufflings and set them free near the ocean.
 - b. The village lights cause some pufflings to get confused and land in the village.
 - c. The children sleep late in the day so they can stay out at night.
 - d. The adult puffins take fish to their babies.
7. Which statement below is an **opinion** about puffins?
- a. Puffins come ashore once a year.
 - b. Puffins nest in burrows.
 - c. Puffins eat fish.
 - d. Puffins are beautiful and special birds.
8. Which statement below is a **fact** about puffins?
- a. Puffins have white faces and chests.
 - b. Puffins are funny birds.
 - c. Puffins are ugly birds.
 - d. Puffins are the best birds in the world.
9. Which statement below is an **opinion**?
- a. Halla and her friends rescue stranded pufflings.
 - b. Halla and her friends watch the puffins on the weekends.
 - c. Puffins are funny birds.
 - d. The puffins return to the same burrows year after year.

10. Which statement below is a **fact** from the selection?
- a. The children are kind to rescue the pufflings.
 - b. The children of Heimaey rescue thousands of pufflings.
 - c. The biting birds are really mean.
 - d. All of the above

Reading: Literary Response and Analysis

Directions: Read each question. Choose the best answer.

1. This story is BEST described as
- a. fiction
 - b. nonfiction
 - c. biography
 - d. fantasy
2. Where does the story take place?
- a. Greenland
 - b. Australia
 - c. Iceland
 - d. United States
3. Which of the following words BEST describes the Halla and her friends in this selection?
- a. helpful
 - b. mean
 - c. silly
 - d. lazy
4. How do the parents feel about their children staying out at night to help the pufflings?
- a. They are worried about them being out late.
 - b. They are upset that they are out past bedtime.
 - c. They are happy that the children are doing something to save the pufflings.
 - d. None of the above.
5. Why did the author write this story?
- a. He wanted to share how cats and dogs are dangerous for pufflings.
 - b. He wanted to show what a great place Iceland is.
 - c. He wanted to share what an exciting time the nights of the pufflings are for the children of Heimaey.
 - d. He wanted to warn people about the dangerous pufflings.

Written Language and Conventions

1. Which sentence is written correctly?

- a. We am happy with the results.
- b. We is happy with the results.
- c. We are happy with the results.
- d. We was happy with the results.

2. Which sentence is written correctly?

- a. She was excited about the party.
- b. She were excited about the party.
- c. She are excited about the party.
- d. She am excited about the party.

3. Read this sentence.

Michael and Matthew _____ going to the park with me.

Which word makes this sentence correct?

- a. is
- b. are
- c. am
- d. was

4. Read this sentence.

Mr. Smith _____ ready for work at 8:00.

Which word makes this sentence correct?

- a. were
- b. am
- c. are
- d. was

5. What part of speech is *spring* in this sentence?

The stuffed animals spring out of the toy box and onto the floor.

- a. noun
- b. verb
- c. plural
- d. adjective

6. What part of speech is *spring* in this sentence?

Ben jumped up and down on a spring.

- a. verb
- b. adverb
- c. base word
- d. noun