



Review Booklet



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Who Am I? Riddle

- I will cover your car with a blanket.
- Leave in plenty of time to drive safely when I am around.
- Be sure to bring your jacket, or chills will run down your spine.
- Who am I? How do you know?

Point of View

I went to the window every five minutes, but the snow hadn't started. The weather report called for two feet! My cousin is a bus driver and said that if we get six inches, everything will be cancelled. I looked over at my unopened math folder, my homework untouched inside. I went to the window again.

- Is the story 1st person or 3rd person point of view?
- Infer one reason why the narrator wants a snow day.

Main Idea

Cities like Atlanta and Seattle get little snow and ice. Therefore, they have few snowplows or other types of equipment to clear their roads. That's why these cities essentially shut down during bad winter weather. Cities like Boston or Buffalo, however, have frequent winter storms, so they spend lots of money on the means to deal with it.

Determine the main idea.

Making Inferences

Kalie stood at the window the snow and shook her head. She was wearing three sweaters, and she'd finally convinced her father to turn up the heater. Kalie had basketball practice in a half hour. The gym was usually plenty warm, but it was the ten-minute walk to school that was the problem.

- What can you infer about Kalie based on the details in the text?

Figurative Language

The snowball hurled through the air like a baseball hit with a bat.

Does the above sentence contain a simile or a metaphor? How do you know?

What is the meaning of the sentence?

Author's Main Point

Winter break should be shortened from four weeks to two weeks. Studies show that when breaks are longer than two weeks, a significant amount of knowledge is lost. This means that material has to be retaught. This is really a question of efficiency and not preference. It makes no sense to have a longer break and then have to make up for it the rest of the year.

- What is the author's main point?

Context Clues

For us Vermonters, it was just another early winter snow dusting. For our California cousin Gene, however, it was a magical moment. It was no wonder he was so enthralled when the first twinkling flakes fluttered down. His mouth dropped. He ran to the window and just stared in silence, his eyes as big as saucers.

Use context clues to determine the meaning of the underlined word.

EXAMPLE ANSWERS

Main Idea: Cities that get frequent bad weather during the winter are better prepared than cities that seldom get bad winter weather.

Figurative Language: It contains a simile. It means that the snowball was moving fast as if it were a baseball.

Context Clues: fascinated, interested

Who Am I? Riddle: snow

Point of View: It is 1st person point of view. The narrator wants a snow day so that he or she does not have to finish his or her homework.

Making Inferences: Kalie dislikes cold weather/being cold.

Author's Main Point: Winter break should be shortened to two weeks.

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