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### Alpine Skiing

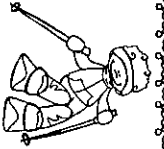
The swoosh of skis sliding over snow-covered hills, the excitement of zooming down a steep slope, the feel of cold wind hitting your face, are all memorable parts of alpine, or downhill skiing. Alpine skiing is a popular sport for many people.

Before hitting the snow-capped hills, you must have the proper gear and outdoor clothing. A helmet, ski goggles, gloves, woolen socks, ski bib, and ski boots are essentials to wear. Also, a sturdy pair of skis and ski poles are necessary to give you the best experience on the slopes.

The word ski is an Old Norse word that means stick of wood. As early as the late 1700s, Norwegian and Swedish infantrymen, or military branches that fought on foot, used skis in military training. The earliest record of skiing was in 600 BC in what is now China. Early skiers only used one pole, rather than two, used today.

Today, ski resorts are popular destinations for people to enjoy the sport of alpine skiing. Ski resorts offer powdery snow-covered slopes, ski lifts that transport you to the tops of hills, and ski patrols that provide safety and first aid to injured skiers.

Are you ready for an adrenaline rush? If so, pack your bags and head to the nearest ski resort for some downhill thrills.



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### Alpine Skiing Reading Comprehension Questions

1. Read this sentence from the passage.  
*Today, ski resorts are popular destinations for people to enjoy the sport of alpine skiing.*  
What is the meaning of the word destinations?

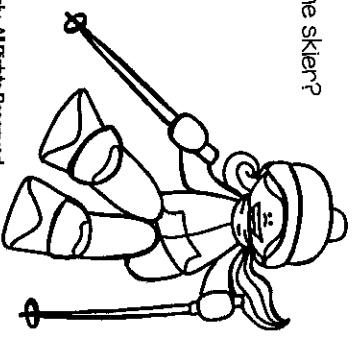
- A. The place designated as the end location of your travels
- B. where many people travel
- C. a fancy lodge where skiers receive room and board
- D. people who enjoy the sport of alpine skiing

2. What is the central idea of the passage?

- A. Early skiers used one pole instead of two, like skiers use today.
- B. Ski boots, a ski bib, and the proper equipment are essential items to have in order to ski.
- C. Alpine skiing can also be called downhill skiing.
- D. Alpine skiing is a popular sport that many people have enjoyed in the past as well as today.

3. What word would best describe an alpine skier?

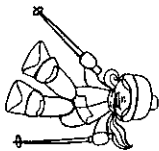
- A. lazy
- B. adventurous
- C. studious
- D. curious



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### Alpine Skiing Reading Comprehension Questions



4. Read this sentence from the passage.  
*If so, pack your bags and head to the nearest ski resort for some downhill thrill.*  
What does the word *thrills* mean?

- A. downhill skiing
- B. an intense feeling of fear
- C. an intense feeling of excitement
- D. the bags a person backs to go skiing

5. Based on the details in the passage, the reader can infer . . .

- A. Skiers need to be prepared before heading to the slopes.
- B. Alpine skiing is a very expensive sport.
- C. Skiers need to watch out for wildlife on the snow-covered hills.
- D. Ski resorts are crowded in the winter.

6. Why do you think the author opens the passage by describing the memorable parts of alpine skiing?

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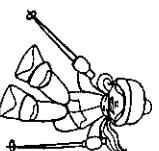
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### Alpine Skiing Reading Comprehension Questions



7. What is the second paragraph mainly about?

- A. the history of skiing
- B. ski resorts
- C. the excitement of skiing
- D. supplies needed for skiing

8. Which sentence from the passage best supports the idea that skiing is an exciting sport?

- A. *Also, a sturdy pair of skis and ski poles are necessary to give you the best experience on the slopes.*
- B. *Alpine skiing is a popular sport for many people.*
- C. *Are you ready for an adrenaline rush?*
- D. *Early skiers only used one pole, rather than two, used today.*

9. Complete the list with information from the passage.

#### Items needed for Alpine Skiing

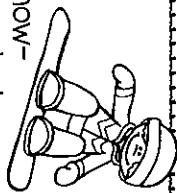
- helmet
- ski goggles
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

10. In the fourth paragraph, which word could best replace the word **transport**?

- A. ship
- B. transition
- C. ski lifts
- D. carry

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## Snowboarding



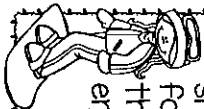
Imagine yourself sliding down a snow-covered hill with your feet tied to a wooden plank. In the 1940s, people used to do just that. This activity is the earliest evidence of snowboarding as we know it today.

In 1965, Sherman Popen invented what was known as a snurfer, a cross between the words surfer and snow. The snurfer was two attached skis and a rope used to control a user's movements as he or she glided down snowy slopes. After much improvement, snurfing developed into what we now know as snowboarding, a popular sport that provides excitement to people of all ages.

Snowboarding today requires the proper clothing and equipment. Before heading to the slopes, a person must put on warm layers of clothing such as a **thermal** body shirt, snowboarding socks, a fleece jacket, heavy coat, snowboarding pants, and snowboard boots. It is also essential to select the proper type of snowboard.

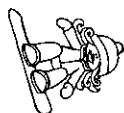
There are three main types of snowboards: Freestyle, Freeride, and Alpine. A Freestyle board is used for aerial spins and flips. A Freeride board is used mainly by beginner snowboarders for mountain snowboarding. A Freecarve snowboard is beneficial for expert snowboarders who want to speed down the slopes. The right snowboard will ensure an enjoyable snowboarding experience.

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## Snowboarding Reading Comprehension Questions



1. Read this sentence from the passage.

*It is also essential to select the proper type of snowboard*  
What is the meaning of the word *essential*?

- A. entity
- B. necessary
- C. unimportant
- D. proper

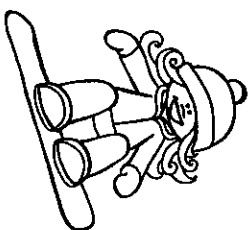
2. What is the central idea of the passage?

- A. Sherman Popen invented the snurfer.
- B. Snowboarding requires the proper clothing and equipment.
- C. There are three main types of snowboards.
- D. Snowboarding has come a long way from snurfing and is now a sport that many people enjoy.

3. What word would best describe snowboarding?

- A. thrilling
- B. boring
- C. quiet
- D. calm

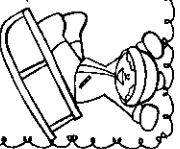
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### Harry's New Sled



"Wheeeel!" shouted Harry as he quickly glided down the snow-covered hillside next to his home. Harry received a brand-new sled for his birthday, and he was eager to put it to use. As soon as he reached the bottom of the hill, Harry picked up his sled and saw his friend, Sam.

"Hey, Harry! Is that your new sled?" asked Sam.

"Yes, do you want to come for a ride?" responded Harry.

"Sure, let's go!" shouted Sam, smiling widely as he ran toward Harry with his arms outstretched.

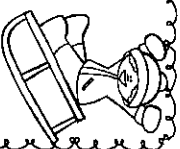
When the boys reached the top of the hill, Harry let Sam sled first. At the top of the hill, Harry waited patiently for to finish his ride. All of a sudden, Harry heard a cry for help coming from the bottom of the hill. Harry ran down the hillside, only to find Sam lying on the ground. Harry's brand-new sled had collided against a tree, and it had a huge dent in its side. Harry helped Sam to his feet. Then, as Sam leaned on Harry's arm, both boys made their way to Harry's house.

Sam stated, as they walked through Harry's front door, "Oh no, we left your sled. I'm so sorry that I wrecked it!"

"It's okay, Sam," Harry replied, "You're more important than a sled. Let's get you feeling better."

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### Harry's New Sled Reading Comprehension Questions



1. What statement would Harry most likely agree with?

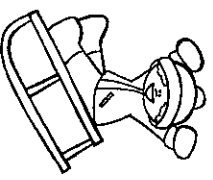
- A. Material items are important.
- B. Gifts are important.
- C. People are more important than material items.
- D. Material items are more important than people.

2. Which sentence best shows that Harry is selfless?

- A. *As soon as he reached the bottom of the hill, Harry picked up his sled and saw his friend Sam.*
- B. *All of a sudden, Harry heard a cry for help coming from the bottom of the hill.*
- C. *Harry ran down the hillside, only to find Sam lying on the ground.*
- D. *When the boys reached the top of the hill, Harry let Sam sled first.*

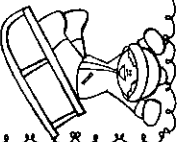
3. What word would best describe Harry?

- A. considerate
- B. unfriendly
- C. greedy
- D. weary



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**Harry's New Sled**  
**Reading Comprehension Questions**



4. Read this sentence from the passage.  
*Harry received a brand-new sled for his birthday, and he was eager to put it to use.*  
What does the word *eager* mean?

- A. anxious
- B. gloomy
- C. calm
- D. panicked

5. Complete the table using examples from the passage.

<b>Ways Harry Shows Kindness</b>

6. Describe the character, Harry. Use evidence from the text to prove your answer.

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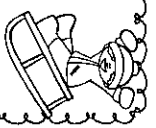
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**Harry's New Sled**  
**Reading Comprehension Questions**



7. The reader can infer that Sam is \_\_\_\_\_ about sledding.

- A. excited
- B. scared
- C. forgetful
- D. curious

8. Which sentence from the passage best supports Sam's feelings about sledding?

- A. "Sure, let's go!" shouted Sam, smiling widely.
- B. "Hey Harry! Is that your new sled?" asked Sam.
- C. When the boys reached the top of the hill, Harry let Sam sled first.
- D. As soon as he reached the bottom of the hill, Harry picked up his sled and saw his friend, Sam.

9. What genre is this passage?

- A. historical fiction
- B. realistic fiction
- C. poetry
- D. biography

10. In the fourth paragraph, which word could best replace the word *collided*?

- A. skipped
- B. slid
- C. crashed
- D. coincided

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### Natalie's Birthday



On the morning of her birthday, Natalie tore off the wrapping paper from the present that her parents had given her. Inside the cardboard box lay the most beautiful pair of skates Natalie had ever seen. The fresh scent of the new leather wafted from the box. Natalie picked up the skates and held them as gently as she would have cradled a baby kitten. With great care, Natalie tried on them and tied the crisp white laces. Still seated, she declared to her parents, "Thank you so much!"

"You're welcome," Natalie's mom responded, beaming as she beheld her daughter enjoying her gift. "Now, for the big news. Your father and I are thrilled to announce that we have decided to give you figure skating lessons this year. Your first lesson starts today."

Natalie felt as though she had been given the world. Her heart was so full of happiness that she thought it might burst. "I can't wait!" Natalie shouted as she carefully removed her skates and, with great care, placed them back in the box.

Later that afternoon, when Natalie arrived at the indoor skating rink located at the nearby mall, she could hardly contain her excitement. With trembling hands, she put on her new skates and, without hesitation, confidently stepped on the smooth ice of the rink. Her teacher warmly welcomed her. Natalie showed her teacher her best figure eights. It was music to Natalie's ears when her teacher exclaimed, "You are a very talented girl!"

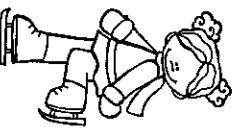
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### Natalie's Birthday Reading Comprehension Questions



1. What is the meaning of **wafted** as it is used in paragraph 1?
  - A. lifted
  - B. floated
  - C. ran
  - D. shone
2. Which sentence best shows that Natalie is elated?
  - A. "Her heart was so full of happiness that she thought it might burst."
  - B. "The fresh scent of the new leather wafted from the box."
  - C. "Inside the cardboard box lay the most beautiful pair of skates Natalie had ever seen."
  - D. "On the morning of her birthday, Natalie tore off the wrapping paper from the present that her parents had given her."
3. What phrase would best describe Natalie's parents?
  - A. happy and excited
  - B. generous and loving
  - C. pleasant and precise
  - D. friendly and outgoing



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### Natalie's Birthday Reading Comprehension Questions



4. Which of the following sentences best gives the theme of the story?
- A. A birthday comes once a year.
  - B. A birthday can be remembered in many ways.
  - C. A birthday is a time for celebrating and gratefully receiving gifts.
  - D. A birthday is a time for eating cake and ice cream.

5. Complete the table using examples from the passage.

Evidence Natalie is Excited about Her Gifts

6. Do you think Natalie has ever skated before? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

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### Natalie's Birthday Reading Comprehension Questions



7. The reader can infer that Natalie is \_\_\_\_\_ about skating.
- A. enthusiastic
  - B. nervous
  - C. anxious
  - D. cautious

8. Read paragraph 2 below. Underline two pieces of evidence that prove Natalie's mom is pleased to give to Natalie.

"You're welcome," Natalie's mom responded, beaming as she beheld her daughter. "Now, for the big news. Your father and I are thrilled to announce that we have decided to give you figure skating lessons this year. Your first lesson starts today."

9. Which statement best describes Natalie.
- A. She wants to be the best figure skater in her class.
  - B. She is a diligent student and wants to excel.
  - C. She loves figure skating and is grateful that her parents have given her lessons.
  - D. She is an only child.

10. In the fourth paragraph, which word could best replace the word **hesitation**?

- A. waited
- B. hasty
- C. waiting
- D. wanting

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Franklin D. Roosevelt: A Great Leader

Franklin Delano Roosevelt, or FDR, was born on January 30, 1882 in Hyde Park, New York. As an only child of a wealthy family, Franklin experienced many things that other kids his age could not afford. He became fluent in German and French thanks to frequent trips to Europe, and he learned to play polo and golf. He also learned to sail, and was given a sailboat by his father when he was sixteen.

Franklin went to Harvard College, and it was there that he was introduced to his future wife, Eleanor Roosevelt. They got married on March 17, 1905. Together, they had six children.

FDR became the United States' 32nd president on March 4, 1933. At the time, the United States was in the Great Depression. One-fourth of the population was unemployed. Because of this, FDR created the "New Deal", which focused on relief for the unemployed and poor, recovery of the economy to what it was before the Depression, and reform of the financial system in order to prevent a depression from happening again. FDR became known for speaking directly to the public through radio broadcasts known as "fireside chats".

Roosevelt was also president during World War II. He led the country through WWII, including the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941. His leadership during wartime helped him to become the only president in history that served more than two terms.

FDR died on April 12, 1945. He has been considered one of the greatest presidents of all time, and will be remembered for bringing the United States out of the Great Depression and helping them declare victory during WWII.

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Franklin D. Roosevelt:  
A Great Leader Questions

1. Franklin D. Roosevelt was born on January \_\_\_\_\_, 1882 in Hyde Park, \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Did Roosevelt grow up wealthy or poor? Give at least one reason to support your answer.

3. What did the "New Deal" do for Americans?

4. What were "fireside chats"?

5. How will FDR be best remembered?

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## Georgia Studies Weekly

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### Where in the World Are You?

1. In which direction do lines of latitude go?
  - a. Vertical
  - b. Horizontal
  - c. Diagonal
  - d. Back and forth
2. The prime meridian is a \_\_\_\_\_ line, and the equator is a \_\_\_\_\_ line.
  - a. Vertical, horizontal
  - b. Horizontal, vertical
  - c. Horizontal, horizontal
  - d. Vertical, vertical
3. Using the map, how many continents are completely in the Southern Hemisphere?
  - a. 1
  - b. 3
  - c. 5
  - d. 2

### U.S. Landforms

4. Only one river in the United States is longer than the Mississippi River. What is it?
  - a. Missouri River
  - b. Hudson River
  - c. Illinois River
  - d. Rio Grande
5. What makes the last 150 miles of the Hudson River so unique?
  - a. Its twists and turns
  - b. It narrows down to a stream
  - c. Its high salt content
  - d. It moves slowly.
6. Weather and erosion can help shape what other features?
  - a. The Statue of Liberty
  - b. Cities
  - c. Rivers
  - d. landscapes

### Location: Absolute and Relative

1. What is an absolute location?
  - a. The exact location of a place.
  - b. A nearby location
  - c. A travel destination
  - d. A vacation
2. Lines of latitude and longitude are examples of what?
  - a. Relative location
  - b. Absolute location
  - c. Numbered locations
  - d. Addresses
3. Who would not find work with maps and globes?
  - a. A pilot
  - b. A ship captain
  - c. A chef
  - d. A travel guide

### Globes vs Flat Maps

4. Globes do a better job of showing what?
  - a. Correct size and shape
  - b. Correct distance
  - c. Incorrect size and shape
  - d. Incorrect distance
5. Flat maps can show everything that globes can. Unfortunately flat maps also do what?
  - a. Label things wrong
  - b. Label things right
  - c. Distort sizes
  - d. Change locations
6. What do maps and globes have in common?
  - a. Lines of latitude and longitude
  - b. Similar shapes
  - c. Same dimensions
  - d. They don't have anything in common

### Hydrosphere

1. The hydrosphere contains all of Earth's what?
  - a. Wind
  - b. Land
  - c. Rocks
  - d. Water
2. The Hudson and Rio Grande rivers are part of the hydrosphere. They help regulate what?
  - a. Wind
  - b. Rain
  - c. Temperature
  - d. Seasons
3. The hydrosphere is a good what? (Think about what a river might do for the temperature of the air around it.)
  - a. Conductor
  - b. Insulator
  - c. Rotator
  - d. Motor

### Great Mountains of North America

4. Climate change has affected some of our highest mountains in what way?
  - a. Extra snow and ice
  - b. Melted snow and glaciers
  - c. Fewer animals
  - d. Extra animals
5. Mountain ranges were a barrier for early settlers. Why?
  - a. They were too beautiful
  - b. They were hard to travel
  - c. They took up too much space
  - d. They weren't wide enough
6. Why is the Appalachian Range such a unique area?
  - a. They are a mountain range
  - b. They have a wide variety of animals
  - c. They are historic
  - d. They have a variety of cultures