1 **Listen and read.** As you read, try to visualise the events. 052

THE ARCTIC REINDEER MIGRATION



Would you like to join the Arctic reindeer migration? Think carefully before applying!

Next year, my brother, Luke, and I are going to join the Nenets people on their Arctic reindeer migration. We know that this isn't an easy trip. The temperatures can drop to –40°C (–40°F), and the warmest days don't get much higher than 5°C (41°F). The local reindeer herders don't generally have much contact with travellers like us, and the reindeer migration isn't usually a tourist attraction. It's the herders' way of life.

The migration takes place twice a year. During the icy winter months, the Nenets people live further south where the reindeer can graze on moss and lichen. However, during the summer months, the Nenets people move north towards the Kara Sea where there's more food.

The reindeer supply the Nenets people with almost everything they need. Coats are made from reindeer fur; shoes are made from reindeer skin, or hide; and sledges, the Nenets' transport (pulled by the reindeer), are made from bone. Even the roofs of the Nenets' tents, called *chums*, are made from reindeer hide. Reindeer also feed the Nenets people. Reindeer meat is the most important part of the Nenets' diet.

On the journey, we're going to travel with a Nenets family and fit in with their way of life. We're going to dress in reindeer clothing, eat raw reindeer meat and sleep in *chums*. On the trip, there's going to be a lot of work to do, such as chopping trees, collecting firewood, putting up the tents each night and cutting blocks of ice to melt for drinking water. It's going to be a difficult trip, but an amazing experience.



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2 **Read the text again.** Circle the correct words.

1. The reindeer migration **is** / **isn't** a tourist attraction.
2. The herders move their reindeer **in summer and winter** / **only in winter.**
3. There is **more** / **less** food near the Kara Sea.
4. The Nenets' tent roofs are made from reindeer **bone** / **hide.**
5. The Nenets people **eat** / **don't eat** reindeer meat.
6. The author thinks the experience will be **easy** / **amazing.**

3 **Activity 1 asks you to visualise the events in the text.** Tick the photos that represent parts of the text.

a. ☐



b. ☐



c. ☐



d. ☐



e. ☐



f. ☐



4 **Imagine you're going on the trip.** Write a sentence to describe each photo you ticked.

I'm going to wear boots made out of reindeer fur.

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