

Winter Bees and Other Poems of the Cold

► Read "Winter Bees and Other Poems of the Cold" and answer each question.

1 How do tundra swans respond to the challenge of cold weather?

- (A) They huddle close together.
- (B) They relocate to warmer areas.
- (C) They fly more often to stay warm.
- (D) They use the snow to blend in with their surroundings.

2 What does the word lull mean as it is used in "Snake's Lullaby"?

- (A) calm
- (B) noise
- (C) snow
- (D) freeze

3 The author of "Snowflake Wakes" describes snowflakes falling with their arms outstretched. What example of figurative language is this phrase the best example of?

- (A) simile
- (B) metaphor
- (C) onomatopoeia
- (D) personification

4 What topic is found in both "Winter Bees" and "Snake's Lullaby"?

- (A) seeking shelter
- (B) protecting against predators
- (C) working together for a common purpose
- (D) different animal groups

5 Based on the information in the passage, why do tree buds develop a tough coating?

- (A) to save food for the leaves
- (B) to prevent insects from eating the leaves
- (C) to make the leaves stronger when they sprout in the spring
- (D) to protect the future leaves against very cold weather conditions