

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) hunting styles of 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