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Reading Street - Island of the Blue Dolphins

Circle the letter that provides the <u>BEST</u> answer to the question.

1. What is the setting of this story?

a. a city in California
c. an island near Florida
b. an island off the coast of California
d. a city in Florida

2. Why was Karana alone on the island?

a. She was left there by her parents.
b. She was left alone after her brother was killed by wild dogs.
c. She kayaked to the island.
d. She was shipwrecked on the island.

3. What type of place was she looking to build her shelter?

a. It needed to be sheltered from the wind.
b. It needed to be not too far from Coral Cove.
c. It needed to be close to a good spring of water.
d. All of the above.

4. What finally made Karana decide where to build her shelter?

a. the closeness to the caves
c. the noise of the sea elephants
b. the high tides
d. the low tides

5. What was the main reason she chose not to build near the destroyed village of Ghalas-at?

a. There were too many wild animals.
b. There was not enough food to eat.
c. She didn't want the reminder of the people that were gone.
d. She knew it was too close to the water.

6. What did she need to build to protect her and her food from the wild animals?

a. a hut b. a fence c. a trap d. a hole in the ground

7. What did Karana use to build her fence?

a. wood and wire she found around the island

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b. the rib bones from wolves

c. the branches from trees that fell during a storm

d. the rib bones from whales found washed up on the sandpit

8. Karana chose to use strands of bull kelp instead of seal sinew to tie her fence together. Why?

a. Wild animals would have gnawed the sinew bindings down to knock down the fence.

b. The bull kelp was prettier.

c. The bull kelp was stronger.

d. She didn't have any sinew.

9. What characteristic trait would you use to describe Karana in the building of her shelter?

a. resourceful b. speedy c. lazy d. poor e. judgment

10. What was Karana able to use for food?

a. seals b. whales c. wild . d. dogs shellfish and perch

11. What did Karana use to waterproof her baskets?

a. dirt b. lumps of pitch rib c. bones d. seaweed

12. What protected her food from the mice?

a. She made shelves the mice could not reach.

b. She set traps to catch them.

c. She didn't keep food from one night to the next.

d. She covered her leftovers in dirt to protect them from the mice.

13. When did Karana feel her shelter was comfortable?

a. Spring b. Winter c. Summer d. Fall

14. How do you think Karana feels at the end of this story?

a. Sad b. Scared c. Silly d. Confident

15. What was the author's purpose in writing this story?

a. Persuade b. Entertain c. Express feelings d. Inform

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