



### Independent Practice

Read the sentence below. Then use it to answer numbers 1 and 2.

The ground squirrel hibernates, sleeping for months during the winter.

- 1** What does the word hibernates mean?
  - A** hides in the ground
  - B** hides for a long, long time
  - C** sleeps because it has nowhere to go
  - D** sleeps to live through low temperatures
- 2** What words help you understand the meaning of hibernates?
  - A** "ground" and "squirrel"
  - B** "ground squirrel" and "months"
  - C** "sleeping" and "during the winter"
  - D** "months" and "winter"

Read the sentence below. Then use it to answer numbers 3 and 4.

The fur on polar bears helps them repel, or keep away, cold water.

- 3** What does the word repel mean?
  - A** to fight
  - B** to push something away
  - C** to make something warm
  - D** to soak up or take in
- 4** What words help you understand the meaning of repel?
  - A** "keep away"
  - B** "fur on polar bears"
  - C** "cold water"
  - D** "helps them"