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Reading Street - Island of the Blue Dolphins

Circle the letter that provides the **BEST** answer to the question.

1. What is the setting of this story?

- a. a city in California
- b. an island off the coast of California
- c. an island near Florida
- 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
- b. the high tides
- c. the noise of the sea elephants
- 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

- 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