

MR. POPPER'S PENGUINS

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Chapter 1: Stillwater

Vocabulary

1. whitewash
2. messy
3. forgetful
4. open spaces
5. trips, journeys, explorations
6. small house
7. think it likely

Comprehension Questions

1. He is a messy, absent-minded dreamer who is a good painter.
2. He paints houses, inside and out.
3. He dreams of far-away places.
4. He gets to read and find places on the globe.
5. His work season has ended until Spring.
6. She worries about having enough money to get through the winter.

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Chapter 3: Out of the Antarctic

Vocabulary

1. agreeably; without argument
2. package delivery person
3. solid carbon dioxide
4. hardly; barely
5. waste
6. proud; arrogant
7. curious

Comprehension Questions

1. It is a wooden crate with instructive words on the sides and air holes in it.
2. A penguin comes curiously out.
3. The penguin has white circles for eyes and looks as if it wears a black tailcoat.
4. Perhaps the white tiles remind it of ice and snow.
5. He thinks the penguin will like cold water, as he is used to it.
6. He was saying "gook" and it sounded like "cook."

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Chapter 2: The Voice in the Air

Vocabulary

1. eyeglasses
2. abruptly; with an edge in her voice
3. upset; angry
4. uncivilized
5. strange; unusual
6. quickly
7. difficult to hear; not loud

Comprehension Questions

1. He likes the penguins best.
2. He thinks they are funny and intelligent.
3. They crowd to the edge of the water and push one penguin in; if it doesn't get eaten, they know it's safe to go in.
4. The Drake Antarctic Expedition is to broadcast from the South Pole.
5. Admiral Drake speaks to Mr. Popper over the radio.

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Chapter 4: Captain Cook

Vocabulary

1. U.S. war for independence from Britain, 1776
2. appropriate; fitting
3. backing up
4. with begging
5. seriously; with dignity
6. straight up
7. slightly open

Comprehension Questions

1. The name of a brave and curious explorer seems to fit.
2. He bites her ankle and eats the goldfish.
3. He sleeps in the icebox (refrigerator).
4. Overall, his behavior is pretty good, and he is nice and clean.
5. He gives him ice cubes to sleep on, lets him stay in the refrigerator, decides to buy shrimp, and puts air holes in the refrigerator.