

### **Fiction – Gaby to the rescue.**

These questions are about the text

1. Look at the paragraph beginning: A Siamese cat...

Gaby pulled her cardigan tighter around here.

Why does Gaby do this

- ☐ She is thinking of wrapping the cat in her cardigan.
- ☐ She is worried about damaging the cardigan
- ☐ She is feeling cold.
- ☐ She is worried the cardigan will be difficult to climb in.

2. Read the paragraph starting: Mind made up... Gaby says to the cat, 'You're out of luck...'

In what way does Gaby think the cat is out of luck?

Pick two.

- ☐ The cat rescuer isn't there.
- ☐ Gaby's mum wasn't back
- ☐ Gaby's mother doesn't know what she is doing
- ☐ Gaby is an expert at saving cats
- ☐ Gaby's friend can't help

3. A Siamese cat crouched on a tree branch, peering down at Gaby with brilliant blue eyes.

What does this description tell us about how the cat moved?

The cat was

- ☐ Balanced
- ☐ Squatting
- ☐ Trembling
- ☐ Pouncing

4. Gaby pulls herself up on the branch and the cat meows.

What does Gaby think that the cat is trying to say when it meows?

Choose one

- ☐ Why are you here?
- ☐ Hurry up I'm being impatient
- ☐ Go away
- ☐ Can you help me?

5. Look at the paragraph beginning: She knew the universal rule...

Which phrase is the best description of the word universal?

- ☐ Everyone knows
- ☐ Nobody knows
- ☐ It's restricted to children
- ☐ Some people know

6. Gaby secured her feet and hands and climbed higher...

What does secured her feet and hands mean?

- ☐ She was about to fall
- ☐ She couldn't hold on anymore
- ☐ She had a good grip
- ☐ She lost her balance

7. The cat was too shiny. Too chubby.

Why does the writer include this phrase? Pick three.

- ☐ It tells us it wasn't a stray
- ☐ We know somebody loved it
- ☐ It looks like a glossy cat
- ☐ It must have an owner because it's well fed

8. She resettled on the branch, considering her options.

Why did the character do this?

Choose one

- ☐ She was thinking about what to do
- ☐ She was changing her mind
- ☐ She was looking from the cat's perspective
- ☐ She was wishing her mother was there

9. Choose three phrases to show the cat does not enjoy Gaby trying to rescue it?

- ☐ The cat barked at her
- ☐ It arched its back
- ☐ It hissed
- ☐ It only wanted treats
- ☐ It showed its teeth

10. What phrase in the paragraph starting, 'When Gaby was younger...' tells you that Gaby's mum is good at communicating with cats.

- ☐ Made it look easy
- ☐ Giggled and sweet-talked the cat
- ☐ It's how their mothers carried them
- ☐ Manoeuvre down through the branches

11. She resettled on the branch, considering her options.

In what ways was she considering her options mean in this sentence?

- ☐ Thinking about what to do
- ☐ Changing her mind
- ☐ Looking at it from the cat's point of view
- ☐ Wishing her mother was there

12. Look at the paragraph starting Gaby secured her hands and climbed higher...

What was Gaby's first mistake?

- ☐ She was not with her mum
- ☐ She could not speak to cats
- ☐ She looked down
- ☐ She could not reach the cat

13. Put the correct words into the correct gaps.

A Siamese cat \_\_\_\_\_ on a tree branch

Gaby pulled off her cardigan and \_\_\_\_\_ it onto her porch.

Up high was the perfect spot for the full blown \_\_\_\_\_ on the boys.

Gaby imagined herself \_\_\_\_\_ from head to toe and sipping dinner through a straw.

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14. Choose whether the following are true or false

- ☐ Gaby speaks Spanish
- ☐ The cat scratched Gaby
- ☐ Gaby's mother was helping her

## **Non Fiction**

These questions are about the text The Giant Panda Bear.

15. In the paragraph with the subheading, 'Appearance'

They have thick black and white fur, which some scientists think may be to disguise them in the snowy and rocky surroundings where they live.

Why does the writer include this information from scientists?

Choose one

- ☐ It tells us that only scientists know about Pandas
- ☐ It makes the text different and more interesting
- ☐ It is making the text more reliable because it's what scientists believe.
- ☐ It makes a complicated topic to understand.

16. Many people fear that giant pandas will become extinct as only a few are born in the wild each year and they do not always survive.

Why does the writer use the word few?

Choose one

- ☐ There is only one panda in the wild.
- ☐ The writer is trying to communicate how small their population is.
- ☐ To show that pandas are the main focus of the zoos.
- ☐ The write is emphasising that pandas eat bamboo.

17. What does the word diminished tell us about the Panda's bamboo supply?

Choose one

It tells us that the amount of bamboo in their habitats is becoming less.

The pandas are eating too much bamboo.

There is more bamboo growing than ever.

The scientists believe that the bamboo will be extinct.

18. How many cubs have been born in the Chinese research centres?

Choose one

- ☐ 19
- ☐ 300
- ☐ 50
- ☐ 15

19. There are projects where people are invited to 'adopt a panda.' The money goes towards researching, protecting and monitoring them. It also goes towards supporting them in the wild.

Find and copy two words that refer to helping the panda.

20. Panda bears are very popular animals, partly because of their unusual appearance and partly because there is something mysterious and fascinating about them. However, their numbers are falling. It is thought that only around 1600 giant pandas still survive in the wild.

Find two words or phrases that tell us why pandas are popular animals.

21. Their habitat is densely populated with fir trees and bamboo.

What does 'densely populated' mean?

Choose one

- ☐ The fir trees and bamboo are in short supply.
- ☐ There are lots of fir trees and bamboo in one place.
- ☐ There are more fir trees than bamboo trees.
- ☐ There are less pandas than fir trees.

22. Look at the paragraph with the subheading appearance.

What does this tell us about how polar bears can blend in with their surroundings?

Choose one

- ☐ They have the same body shape as other bears
- ☐ They can grow up to 1.5 metres
- ☐ They look cute
- ☐ Their fur is the same colour as the snow and rocks

23. The following sentences have been left out of the text. Choose one box for each sentence to show where they should be added.

One has been done for you.

	Appearance	Habitat	How can people help?
Their eyes are different to normal bears			
At 5 months old, they learn how to climb trees			
They have an extended wrist bone that they use like a thumb to help them grip food.			
Subscribe to the WWF newsletter and keep informed about saving pandas.			
Stop buying bamboo to help pandas save their habitat.			
They look for eggs, small animals and forage for other food.			