

# English Worksheets Week 16

## Monday:

Learning new spellings:

Week 11
brake
break
fair
fare
grate
great
groan
grown
berry
bury

- 1) Look up these words in a dictionary or online.
  - 2) Write down what they mean.
  - 3) Create a sentence for each one.
  - 4) Now use "look, cover, write" to test yourself on them.
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# Tuesday:

Read this text:

## Interview with an Inuit

The Arctic is one of the most hostile places on Earth. During the winter, temperatures drop to well below zero and the land is plunged into darkness for months on end. Yet plants, animals and people live and thrive on this land; in particular Inuit people, who have been living on this land of ice and snow for thousands of years. I have travelled to Greenland to meet an Inuit child named Anik. I wanted to ask him how he coped with living in such a cold climate.

Interviewer: Hello Anik, thank you so much for agreeing to chat to me. I'm absolutely freezing so can I begin by asking how you manage to stay warm in such a cold climate?

Anik (laughing): It can get much colder than this in the winter. When it's really cold, we wear boots, gloves and coats which are made out of animal skins and fur. Caribou fur is the best because it provides the most insulation. Our long parkas reach right down to our knees. Nowadays, we buy our clothes from the local store but some families still make their own clothing.

Interviewer: Your mother told me that you are 9 years old. Do you go to school?

Anik: Yes. Most Inuit families live in small communities. In most of our communities you will find a church, a store and a school. I go to school every morning, just like other children do. Maths is my favourite subject but I like reading and writing too.

Interviewer: During the winter, you have to cope with months of darkness. What on earth do you do for fun?

Anik: Like any other child of my age, I like to watch television and play computer games. When the lighter days arrive I love to ski, skate and ride on the snowmobile. Dad is also teaching me how to ice fish, which is great fun.

Interviewer: Is fishing an important skill to learn?

Anik: It is one of our main sources of food. We cannot grow crops because it is too cold for them to grow. We also hunt walrus, seals and caribou. Our diet is quite fatty as this gives us energy in the cold weather. Very little of the animal is wasted; we always make use of the meat, skin, fur and bones. Whenever an animal is killed, the hunters will sing a song to honour the animal's spirit.

Interviewer: Is your dad teaching you to hunt too?

Anik: Dad takes me with him sometimes. When I am older, I will need to go hunting too. Hunting can take my dad away from home for weeks at a time. The hunting party often has to travel around to find the best places to hunt. Whilst they are away, they sleep in igloos (in the winter) or tents (if the weather is warmer).

Interviewer: There are dogs everywhere. Are they all pets?

Anik: The dogs are very important members of our family. Dad wouldn't be able to go hunting without them. They pull the sleds that are packed with the supplies needed for the hunt. The dogs are incredibly fit and strong. They are very good at coping with the weather conditions too. Dad's ability to earn a living depends on them, so they are very well cared for.

Interviewer: As we speak, I can see that the sun is already setting and the temperature is starting to feel even colder. Surely it is impossible for wildlife to survive out here?

Anik (laughing again): You would be surprised at the number of animals living in the Arctic. The species that live here have adapted to survive in these conditions. There are many polar bears living above the ice and we have thousands of fish and seals living below it. Polar bears are amazing creatures. They are so big and strong. They have this fantastic sense of smell that allows them to sniff out prey over long distances. They wait for the seals to pop up at breathing holes in the ice. It's fascinating to watch. I love arctic foxes too – they have this amazing fur that stops them from getting cold. The fur is a beautiful white colour throughout the winter but it changes to a greyish-brown colour during the summer. They also have a greater blood flow to their feet to stop them from freezing as they walk through the snow and ice. Many animals migrate for the winter but return again during the summer months.

Interviewer: Scientists are saying that climate change is causing the Arctic to warm up. Have you seen any evidence of this?

Anik: The hunting parties have. During the winter, the sea freezes over, giving the hunting parties more area to cover. This sea ice is an important habitat for many animals too, like the polar bear. They use it as a platform from which to hunt and swim. Dad has noticed that the sea ice is reducing and appears to be melting quicker as each summer arrives. We are worried that fish, birds and mammals will find it too difficult to live here if the temperatures continue to rise.

Interviewer: I hate to leave things on a sad note but it looks like your mother needs you to get ready for bed. Who is the old lady with her?

Anik: That is Kirima, my grandmother. She lives here too. She is the best at telling bedtime stories. She tells us tales of what life was like for our people before modern technology came along to help us. She also tells us these wonderful stories about the Northern Lights and the magical creatures that come to life when the lights shine.

Interviewer: That sounds like a marvellous way to go to sleep. Can I say a huge thank you for taking the time to talk to me. I have really enjoyed learning all about the ways in which you keep warm, the food you eat, the importance of hunting and how animals have adapted to live in this harsh but beautiful environment. May I also wish you sweet dreams.

Answer these questions:

Interview with an Inuit – Comprehension

Section A

1. Where is the Arctic? (C6/2b)
2. What type of text is this? (T3)
3. Which activities do you do on a REGULAR basis that are similar to Anik's? (C6/2b)
4. Why is fishing such an important skill? (C6/2b)
5. How does Anik's grandmother help the family? (C6/2b)

Section B

6. What is the purpose of the first paragraph? (T4)
7. What are the features of this text? (T4)
8. Which activities would it be trickier for us to do and why? (P2/2e)
9. Why does his dad look after the dogs so well? (C6/2b)
10. Why do you think the polar bears wait for seals at the breathing holes? (P2/2e)

# Wednesday:

Re-read the text and answer these questions.

## Section C

11. What does the word 'thrive' mean? (C1/2a)
12. What is the purpose of the brackets? (T4)
13. What does Anik mean when he says that animals have adapted to survive in the Arctic? (C1/2a)
14. What does the word 'migrate' mean? (C1/2a)
15. Anik's grandmother tells tales about how Inuit people lived years ago. Can you identify one thing which is done differently today? Look back to the section which begins, 'It can get much colder than this in the winter.' (C6/2b)
16. What is the purpose of the last statement made by the interviewer? (T4)

## Section D

17. Why do you think the interviewer described the land as being 'hostile'? (C1/2a)
18. What does the term 'income' mean? (C1/2a)
19. Why do you think the hunters honour the animal's spirit? (P5/2d)
20. What evidence is there to suggest that Anik likes polar bears? (C6/2b)
21. Why do you think the arctic fox changes the colour of his coat in the summer? (P2/2e)
22. What do you think will happen to the Inuit people if the animals can no longer survive in the Arctic? (P2/2e)
23. What are the northern lights? (C1/2a)

# Thursday:

## Section A

Identify whether you would find these features in an interview.

Feature	Found in an interview	Not found in an interview
speech marks		
names on the left followed by a colon		
no speech marks		
open-ended questions		
question marks		
a list of instructions		
brackets		
personal facts, thoughts and feelings		
yours sincerely		

## Section B

Read the sentences below. Decide whether each sentence should finish with a full stop, question mark or an exclamation mark.

- What awful weather we are having \_\_\_\_
- Do you enjoy going to school \_\_\_\_
- Most Inuit families live in small communities \_\_\_\_
- How thoughtful they are \_\_\_\_
- How do you cope with such cold temperatures \_\_\_\_
- Fishing is one of our main sources of food \_\_\_\_
- What a clever creature it is \_\_\_\_
- Have you seen any evidence of global warming \_\_\_\_
- The sea ice is an important habitat for many animals \_\_\_\_

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Section C

Rewrite the following sentences and replace the missing punctuation.

- polar bears are amazing creatures

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- during the winter the sea freezes over

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- i like to ski skate fish watch television and play on computer games

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- how do you manage to stay warm in this freezing climate

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- we make use of the meat skin fur and bones

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Section D

anik laughing: it can get much colder than this in the winter When its really cold, we wear boots gloves and coats which are made out of animal skins and fur. caribou fur is the best because it provides the most insulation our long parkas reach right down to our knees. nowadays we buy our clothes from the local store but some families still make their own clothing

Rewrite the passage above and replace the missing punctuation.

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**Friday: (Spelling practise and test)**