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Grade: 3 Reading

Date _____

Theme Four Selection: 2

"Seal Surfer"

Read the selection.

Then, answer the following questions.

1. What information do the headings in the story tell you?

- a) location
- b) types of seals
- c) time of year
- d) events in the story

2. What event happens at the beginning of the story when Ben and his grandfather go to the beach?

- a) They find seashells
- b) They see a newborn seal
- c) They go fishing
- d) Ben falls into the water

3. Why do you think the mother seal pushed her pup off the rocks?

- a) She wanted the pup to find its own food.
- b) She wants to play with the pup.
- c) It is time for the mother to leave the pup.
- d) The mother wants the pup to learn how to swim.

4. Read this sentence from the selection.

"One sunny day Ben lay on his board as it rose and fell on the gently rocking swell."

Which word means the same as swell.

- a) long, large wave
- b) chair
- c) beach
- d) water

5. What causes Ben to fall off his surfboard and hit his head on a rock?

- a) a strong wind
- b) he tried to do a trick
- c) he was watching the seal pup swim
- d) a sudden storm

6. The genre of this selection is

- a) nonfiction
- b) poem
- c) autobiography
- d) realistic fiction

7. What is the antonym of the underlined word in the following sentence? "Ben was elated when he saw that the seal pup was alive?"

- a) excited
- b) sad
- c) surprised
- d) angry

8. How does the seal pup's previous experiences in the ocean help her to save Ben from drowning?

- a) She remembers what it felt like to be pushed under the water the first time, and she knows how to find the surface.
- b) She knows how to catch fish.
- c) She remembers what it felt like to be away from her mother.
- d) She knows how to swim deep when there is a storm.

9. Which event happened **last** in the story?

- a) The seal pup grows up and becomes a mother.
- b) Ben almost drowns.
- c) The seal saves Ben.
- d) Ben and the seal surf together.

Open-ended Response

In your own words, summarize the story. Be sure to include at least one important event from the beginning, middle, and the end of the story.

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Answer Key and Eligible Content

Item Number	Answer	Descriptor	Assessment Anchor
1	c	Headings	R5.B.3.3.2
2	b	Sequence	R.3.A.1.5.1
3	d	Inference	R.3.A.1.3.1
4	a	Synonyms	R.3.A.1.1.2
5	c	Cause/Effect	R.5.B.3.3.1
6	d	Genre	R.3.A.1.6
7	b	Antonyms	R.3.A.1.1.2
8	a	Drawing Conclusions	R.3.A.1.3.1
9	a	Sequence	R.3.A.1.5.1

Open-ended Rubric

3 Points

Student provides a complete summary of what happens to Ben and the seal in the story; using at least one event from the beginning, the middle, and the end.

2 Points

Student provides a partial summary, but only uses two important events.

1 Point

Student provides an incomplete summary using only one important event.

0 Points

Response provides insufficient material for scoring, is inaccurate, or incomplete.