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Genre Comprehension Skills and Strategy Text Features

| Nonfiction | • Sequence | • Generalize | • Visualize | • Map | • Caption |

Scott Foresman Reading Street 3.1.3


Vocabulary

- gear
- parka
- splendid
- twitch
- willow
- yanked

Word count: 245
The Arctic is the area around the North Pole. The air in the Arctic is always cold, and there is lots of ice and snow.
But there is life in the Arctic. Willow trees and grasses grow. Polar bears and other animals live there. Seals and fish swim and twitch in the water.

People live in the Arctic too. The Inuit people have lived there for thousands of years.
The Inuit know the winter is long and cold. They work hard to get ready for cold weather.

First, an Inuit family hunts and fishes throughout the summer. They eat some of the food. Next, they dry some of the food and save it for winter.
Last, the family moves into a winter home that is made of wood or stone.

In the summer, the family might live in a tent, but a tent won’t keep them warm during the cold Arctic winter.

The winter air is very, very cold. A parka helps keep each person warm. It is made from animal skin and fur.
Boots are yanked on every day. They keep out water and snow. They, too, are made of animal skin and are very warm.

The Inuit use special gear to travel across the ice and snow. They used sleds for many years, but now they use snowmobiles too.
Life in the cold Arctic is not easy. But the Inuit know how to live there and survive. They enjoy their special, splendid home.

1. What does an Inuit family do before they move into their winter home? Write your answers in a chart like the one below.

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2. Reread page 8. Close your eyes and make a picture in your mind of what you read. What do you see? Describe your picture. How does that help you better understand what you read?

3. Find the word gear on page 11. What kind of gear do the Inuit need to fish?

4. Look at the pictures in the book. Do you think you would like living in the Arctic? Why or why not?