

B IS FOR BEAR ANSWER KEY FOR LESSON 30

PHONICS EXERCISE A

1. feathers
2. boots
3. bread
4. spread
5. brought
6. toot
7. thought
8. dread
9. moon
10. loon

PHONICS EXERCISE B

1. long
2. long
3. short
4. long
5. long
6. short
7. long
8. long
9. short
10. long

PHONICS EXERCISE C

1. long
2. long
3. short
4. short
5. long
6. short
7. short
8. long
9. long
10. long

READING EXERCISE MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. b
2. a
3. c
4. b
5. c

READING QUESTIONS FOR “THE WHITE SNAKE”

1. The young man is treated badly more than once in the story. Explain how he was mistreated.

*In the beginning of the story the young man is falsely accused of stealing a ring from the queen. After he goes out to see the world and shows kindness to the animals, he is mistreated again by a king and his daughter who send him out on impossible tasks.*

2. In many fairytales, things happen in threes. Explain how three is a special number in this fairytale.

*When the young man goes out to see the world, three times he shows kindness to animals, and each of these three times he is rewarded. At the end of the story, the king and his daughter send the young man out on three impossible tasks and each time the animals reward him for his past kind deed. Teachers may want to mention the “threes” found in other fairytales of the Brothers Grimm.*

3. The young man has to go through a lot of hardship before he is rewarded at the end of the story. What other fairytale do you know in which a man or a woman endures a lot of trouble before he or she is rewarded?

*Grimm’s collection of fairytales are replete with instances of protagonists who endure great hardship before they are rewarded in the end for their kindness or good character. For example, in the story “Mother Holle,” the protagonist is mistreated by her step-mother, but is showered with gold in the end, while her lazy step-sister is covered with pitch. Teachers may acquire a younger children’s version of the tales and read them aloud as examples.*

4. In order to marry the king’s daughter, the young man has to perform several tasks. What do all of them have in common?

*The tasks are impossible to accomplish and thus in each instance, one of the three animals that he helped in the past returns his kindness.*

5. How did understanding the language of animals help the young man?

*By understanding the language of animals, the young man was able not only to escape punishment, but also to win the king’s daughter’s hand in marriage and live happily ever after. Understanding the language of animals could be interpreted metaphorically as having sympathy for others, and thus the tale is teaching that the kindness that we show to others will in some way be rewarded in the end.*