



Yurts

A yurt is a type of shelter used by nomads in the hills of North West China. Nomads are people who do not settle in one place for long and move from house to house.

It takes very little time to put up a yurt. It takes even less time to pull them down. Nomads must go where there is grass for their sheep and goats.

A yurt has a light wooden frame. Over the frame they lay animal hides.

A small window at the top allows air to flow in and out. Most of the cooking is done outside.

QUESTIONS:

Author's Purpose (AP)

1) The author wrote this story mostly to...

- a) tell readers a story about people.
- b) describe how people move house.
- c) tell readers about yurts.
- d) tell readers about how it feels to move a lot.

Facts and Details (FD)

2) The nomads in North West China use tents.

- a) True
- b) False

Predicting (P)

3) What do you think is used to make the frame?

- a) wood
- b) steel
- c) bricks
- d) concrete

Words in Context (MC)

4) In the story the words 'animal hides' are used. This means...

- a) teeth.
- b) bones.
- c) tails.
- d) skin.

Conclusions and Inferences (CI)

5) You can tell that a yurt...

- a) is very strong.
- b) has lots of rooms.
- c) has many windows.
- d) is quick to put up.

Words in Context (WC)

6) Fill in the missing letters:

It t__kes v__ry li___le t__me to put up a y__rt.

Facts and Details (FD)

7) All of the cooking is done outside.

- a) True
- b) False

Words in Context (WC)

8) A small window at the top (allows/blocks) air in and out.

Predicting (P)

9) What will most likely happen next time the nomads move?

- a) They will sleep under their sheep.
- b) They will build a brick house.
- c) They will sleep without a shelter.
- d) They will make a new yurt.

Summarising (SM)

10) Which of these could not happen?

- a) A nomad will build a house of steel.
- b) The goats will enjoy eating grass.
- c) The nomads will move to a new place.
- d) Sheep will give the nomads wool.