

*7th Grade Poem—Camping in the Cold Practice Selection #1***Camping in the Cold**

- 1 The wind blows cold
And carries on it the scent of snow
Crisp, clear, crackling.
- Perfect weather for a cozy fire
5 And a good book and salty popcorn
Yet here I am,
Camping in this barren forest
With my parents
Who do not tolerate bad attitudes.
- 10 So though my cheeks are chapped red
And my nose continuously snuffles
I hike through the woods like a pro.
My feet push through piles of leaves
Crunch, crunch, crunch
- 15 We echo through the woods
Eerily quiet except for the wind howling past us
As even the squirrels know it is time to be
Inside somewhere warm.
- 20 My parents laugh and bare their teeth to the wind
They thrive on adventure and challenges
I thrive on cold soda and cake
But here I am, burning hot dogs over a blazing fire.
- Darkness falls like a curtain
Over the tall trees towering above us
25 And then it is time for sleep.
- I lay still with eyes wide, staring into the darkness
And the night sounds of the forest
Come alive, like a small child creeping downstairs
For a forbidden glass of milk after bedtime.

30 The trees' bare branches beat together like bones
Clacking in the wind
A steady drumbeat.

The rustling of 'possums and raccoons
Drifts by now and then
35 And owls hoot softly, in the distance and now
nearby
Their cries making my skin suddenly shiver.

I listen in wonder, never having noticed
The symphony of sounds to be discovered in the
woods
When people are not talking or walking
40 When we have time to just wait and be still.

But my eyes are getting heavy
As warmth steals through my body
Tired from its hiking
I am cozy and I am safe, with my parents nearby.

45 I could be at home with a book
But instead I am here, sleeping among the wild
things
Breathing in the aroma of pine and mold
Part of nature in its barren beauty.

Tomorrow we will fish and rock climb
50 Tomorrow I will watch for sparrows and woodlarks
Tomorrow my smile will be a real one.

I drift off to sleep to the lullaby of the woods,
An unusual but powerful tune.

1. In stanza 3, what does the idiom "like a pro" mean?

- A to do something well
- B to play a sport often
- C to be in favor of a plan
- D to be in a positive mood

2. Using the relationship in the poem, complete the analogy.

Lullaby is to sleep as alarm is to

- A dream.
- B awaken.
- C fire.
- D time.

3. Using the relationship in the poem, complete the analogy.

Forest is to hiking as pool is to

- A swimming.
- B camping.
- C summer.
- D wrestling.

4. Stanzas 6, 7, and 8 each contain an example of what literary device?

- A personification
- B alliteration
- C symbolism
- D simile

5. What is the main purpose of “Camping in the Cold”?

- A to teach how to camp safely
- B to entertain with a camping story
- C to persuade that camping is dangerous
- D to advertise a local winter camp ground

6. Which line best supports the conclusion that the narrator will enjoy the next day?

- A “. . . Part of nature in its barren beauty.”
- B “Tomorrow we will fish and rock climb . . .”
- C “Tomorrow my smile will be a real one.”
- D “. . . As warmth steals through my body . . .”

7. Which stanza best reveals a change in the narrator?

- A stanza 4
- B stanza 7
- C stanza 9
- D stanza 10

8. "Camping in the Cold" is mainly about someone who

- A learns to appreciate the forest.
- B hikes unhappily through a forest.
- C grows closer to family.
- D confronts a fear of wildlife.

9. Why is first person point of view important to this poem?

- A The parents are shown only through the eyes of the narrator.
- B The parents have an unexplained conflict with the narrator.
- C The narrator's descriptions of nature are left unclear.
- D The narrator's emotions are more clearly shown.

10. The reader can tell that "Camping in the Cold" is a poem because it

- A is rather short.
- B uses stanzas.
- C tells a story.
- D uses punctuation.

11. Which experience would most help you understand "Camping in the Cold"?

- A sleeping in a wood cabin
- B walking at night in a city
- C listening to forest noises
- D playing a game in the snow

12. Which stanza contains an example of onomatopoeia?

- A stanza 3
- B stanza 4
- C stanza 5
- D stanza 6

13. Which line in the poem uses alliteration to emphasize a visual picture?

- A 3
- B 6
- C 13
- D 21

14. In stanza 13, what is the effect of the repetition of "Tomorrow"?

- A It builds anticipation for the next day of camping.
- B It emphasizes the scheduled events of tomorrow.
- C It shows thankfulness that the trip is almost over.
- D It proves that the narrator is very good at camping.

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Campground site for only \$20 a night! Each tent rental costs \$10 or sleep out directly under the stars in your own sleeping bag! Enjoy the nature and beautiful wildlife up close and personal!

Great winter discount offered!

15. Based on this information, what would be least important to know when calculating the cost of the trip?

- A How many nights are you staying?
- B How many tents will be needed?
- C What types of wildlife are there?
- D What amount is the winter discount?

Below are the results from an Internet search using the key word as "Camping."

All Things Camping—Home Page

All Things Camping is the world's largest supplier of camping supplies and accessories. Description: National supplier of camping accessories and supplies with toll-free 24-hour mail order service.

Camping and Campground Reservations

Camping at many outdoor recreation facilities and activities . . . Make reservations here! Descriptions: Camping Cabin Day Use. Locate Campground Name or Lake. Directions given.

American Camping Group—Summer Camp . . .

The American Camping Group is dedicated to enriching the lives of children and adults through the camp experience . . . article on summer camp experiences. Description: Community of camp professionals dedicated to enriching the lives of children . . .

Camping for Everyone—articles, resources . . .

Guides, Frequently Asked Questions, and Camping Guides. You'll find articles covering camping, cooking, outdoor activities, safety tips, and more . . . Description: Includes frequently asked questions and camping guides.

16. Which Web site from this search would be the best reference to find specific tips on how to camp safely?

- A All Things Camping—Home Page
- B Camping and Campground Reservations
- C American Camping Group—Summer Camp . . .
- D Camping for Everyone—articles, resources . . .

7th Grade Sample Reading Selection #1

	State Obj.:	DOK:	ANSWER:
1.	1.3.a	2	A
2.	1.3.b	2	B
3.	1.3.b	2	A
4.	1.3.d	1	D
5.	3.1.a	2	B
6.	3.2.a	2	C
7.	3.2.b	2	D
8.	3.3.a	2	A
9.	3.4.a	3	D
10.	4.1.a	1	B
11.	4.2.c	2	C
12.	4.3.b	1	D
13.	4.3.c	3	A
14.	4.3.c	3	A
15.	5.2.b	2	C
16.	5.2.e	2	D