

Grade: V ENGLISH

Lesson 3 My Journey to the Magnetic North Pole

The High Arctic

1. Question: What is the name of the village in the Northwest Territories where the narrator landed?

Answer: The village is called Resolute in the Northwest Territories where the narrator landed.

2. Question: What shapes did the author see from thousands of kilometres above the land?

Answer: The author saw ripple, frozen waves, stunned rivers and mummified canyons.

3. Question: Explain why the narrator wore multiple layers of clothing in the High Arctic.

Answer: The narrator wore multiple layers of clothing, like a hooded parka, knee-high boots, and thick mittens, to protect against the extremely cold and windy weather in the High Arctic, where temperatures could drop below minus 45°F. These layers helped keep her warm and insulated.

4. Question: Why did the narrator have trouble with her camera, and how did she solve this problem compared to another traveller?

Answer: The narrator’s camera battery could freeze in the cold, so she wrapped the camera in a woollen tube and plastic bags to insulate it. Another traveller, David, tried keeping the battery warm with body heat and using fresh cells, but his camera still didn’t always work. The narrator’s solution was more effective because her camera was better insulated.

5. Question: Do you think the narrator was well-prepared for the High Arctic trip? Why or why not?

Answer: The narrator was mostly well-prepared because she brought multiple layers of clothing, like socks, gloves, and a woollen tube, to stay warm, and she insulated her camera to keep it working. However, she could have been better prepared by choosing a thicker cap instead of the thin Himachali cap, which didn’t protect her head well enough from the cold. Overall, her preparation was good but not perfect.