

Rainbow Readers

Title: Bear Heart and the Buffalo

Word Study

Fill in the blanks using the words.

trotted

roast

campfire

eventually

unfortunately

1. Unfortunately, we couldn't get concert tickets because they were sold out.
2. He dropped out of college, but he plans to go back and graduate eventually.
3. The dogs at the dog show trotted in a circle as the judges watched.
4. It's healthier to roast chicken than to fry it.
5. In the evening they sat around the campfire for warmth.

Reading Comprehension

A. Circle T for true or F for false.

1. Bear Heart wanted to go hunting with his father. T / F
2. Yellow Hawk offered to teach Bear Heart about hunting. T / F
3. The only way to find a buffalo herd is to see tracks. T / F
4. The Dakota made their homes from buffalo hide. T / F
5. The Dakota used their weapons for both hunting and fighting. T / F

B. Circle the correct word(s).

1. Bear Heart gathered (wood / food) for his family and village.
2. Bear Heart and Yellow Hawk went out to (kill / find) buffalo.
3. The Dakota (followed / raised) herds of buffalo.
4. Yellow Hawk said his (knife / shield) helped keep him alive.
5. The buffalo was (sleeping / drinking) when they saw it.

C. Choose the best answer.

1. Which is NOT true of Bear Heart at the beginning of the story?

- a. He was 12 years old.
- b. He expected his father to let him hunt.
- c. He was tired of gathering fruits and vegetables.
- d. He had never seen a buffalo up close.

2. Why did Bear Heart open one flap of the teepee at night?

- a. So that he could listen to the men talking
- b. So that he would stay cool
- c. So that he could listen for buffalo
- d. So that the sun would wake him

3. What did Bear Heart's father help him make?

- a. A knife
- b. An ax
- c. A campfire
- d. Moccasins

4. How did they find the buffalo on their walk?

- a. Yellow Hawk saw it from far away.
- b. A man told Yellow Hawk where to look.
- c. Bear Heart noticed tracks.
- d. Bear Heart heard it moving.

5. How did the buffalo feel when it saw them?

- a. Scared
- b. Mad
- c. Curious
- d. Surprised

Summary

Fill in the blanks with the words.

traditions	blueberries	full-grown	teepees	herds
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Bear Heart was a young member of the Dakota tribe. It was summer and he was collecting blueberries and potatoes to eat. But he really wanted to hunt buffalo. His father, Yellow Hawk, said he wasn't old enough. However, he offered to take Bear Heart with him while he looked for good places to hunt. The next morning, Yellow Hawk said they would walk along the river, looking and listening for buffalo herds. As they walked, Yellow Hawk told his son about the buffalo. The animals gave them food, hide for teepees and clothing, and weapons. That was why the Dakota respected the buffalo. Finally, Bear Heart saw a full-grown buffalo by the river. Yellow Hawk said he would come back with the hunters, and they turned to leave. But the buffalo had seen them, too! It ran toward them, and they had to climb a tree to escape. Back at home, Bear Heart told his mother he would be a great hunter one day and carry on Dakota traditions.