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Unit 11

To the North Pole

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= 1 = To the Ship

Carl and his sister Fern were going to the North Pole.

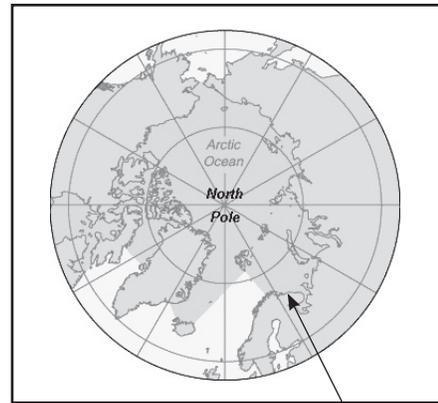
First they had to meet the ship.

The ship was at a port in the far north.

Here is a map of the Arctic.

The Arctic is at the top of the world.

On the map, the port is here.



port of Murmansk



Fern and Carl flew north to the port.

As they got off the plane, Carl said,

“Fern, it is 10 pm, but it is not dark.

It is like day time.”

Fern smiled.

“It is summer here in the far north.

The sun never goes down.”

“Wow,” said Carl.



Fern and Carl met the cruise ship at the port.

"This cruise ship is made to crash into ice," said Fern.

"It has thick steel armor."



port



ship with armor

"I am glad the ship has armor," said Carl.

"If we hit an iceberg, we will not sink."

Fern and Carl got on the ship.

They met their boss.

His name was Burt.

Burt was a large man with a big scar on his lip.



"Park your gear in your cabins below," Burt said.

"Then come up to the kitchen. It is on Deck 3."

Fern and Carl went to their cabins.

Fern looked at her room.

“Boy, this is a small space.

I hope I can turn around in here.”

“You are lucky,” said Carl.

“You have a window and can see the sun.

My cabin has no window.

It is dark.”



cabin



Carl and Fern tried to find
the kitchen.

They went up some steps and
made some turns.

“I think we are lost,” said Fern.

Review

Word List 1	
Green Words	
north	first
port	far
dark	summer
turn	large
never	
Red Words	
lucky	
some	

Word Work

Sam said it was his _____ to speak.

Team Talk Questions

1. Why does the ship have armor?
2. What does Burt look like?

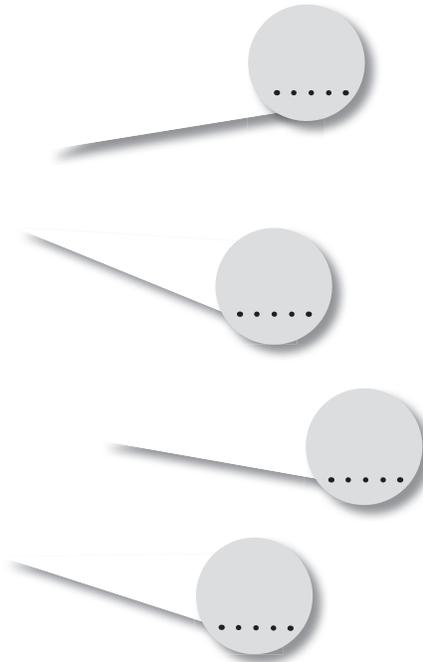
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Day 1 Homework

1

Practice reading the words in Word List 1. Have someone initial in a circle each time you read all the words on the list correctly.

Word List 1	
Green Words	
north	first
port	far
dark	summer
turn	large
never	
Red Words	
lucky	
some	



2

Practice reading "To the Ship." Have someone initial in a box each time you read the passage correctly and smoothly.



3

Play Quick Erase. Change one letter at a time to make a new word.

port _____

= 2 =

Burt's Kitchen

Fern and Carl roamed the ship. They found a huge room with big windows. In the room was a swimming pool. A girl was in the pool.

"Is this Deck 3," asked Fern.
"No," said the girl. "This is Deck 2. You must go down."

Carl put his hand in the water.
"The pool has hot water, Fern."



pool on ship



basketball

Next to the pool was a gym with basketball hoops.

"Want to play?" asked Carl.

"Not now," said Fern. "We have to get to the kitchen."

Next to the gym was a room with a big screen to show movies.

"There are a lot of things to do on this ship," said Carl.

"Let's take these steps," said Fern.

"I think I smell the kitchen."



In the kitchen, Burt was cutting up fish.

"This is for the morning meal," he said.

"We will serve fish soup with toast."

"Do people like to eat fish in the morning?" asked Carl.

"Yes! Fish is best in the morning!" said Burt. "Now stir that soup.

Do not let it burn."



fish soup

Burt showed them a chart.
The chart had all the meals for
the cruise.

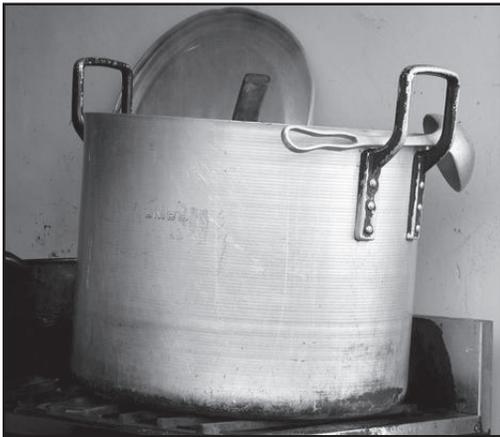
Carl looked at the chart.
He wanted to see if Burt had
burgers on the chart.



burger

"What?" he yelled. "This chart has fish soup for
all the meals!"

"Yes," said Burt. "I like fish soup."



Fern put on the charm.

"Burt, I like fish soup, too,"
she said. "But I think people
will want a choice."

Burt looked hard at Fern.

At first it looked like he would
hurl the soup pot at her.

"You are a smart girl," he said.

"What do you think we should make?"

Fern smiled. "For the morning meal we could make eggs, fruit salad, muffins, and flakes."



morning meal

"Yes, that is better than fish soup," said Burt.



"Mark it on the chart, Fern.
And start making the meal.
We are about to leave the port."

The ship began to move.

They were on their way to the North Pole.

Review

person	bigger	winter	river	herd
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Word List 2	
Green Words	
girl	morning
serve	stir
burn	chart
hard	smart
better	windows
Red Words	
gym	
movies	

Word Work This morning I will _____ eggs for the meal.

Team Talk Questions

1. What dish did Burt like best?

2. What could people do on the cruise ship?

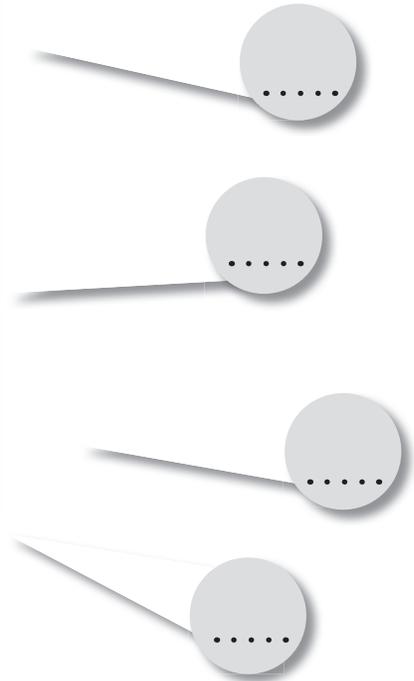
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Day 2 Homework

1

Practice reading the words in Word List 2. Have someone initial in a circle each time you read all the words on lists 1 and 2 correctly.

Word List 1		Word List 2	
Green Words		Green Words	
north	first	girl	morning
port	far	serve	stir
dark	summer	burn	chart
turn	large	hard	smart
never		better	windows
Red Words		Red Words	
lucky		gym	
some		movies	



2

Practice reading "Burt's Kitchen." Have someone initial in a box each time you read the passage correctly and smoothly.



3

Play Quick Erase. Make a new word by changing one letter at a time.

dark _____

= 3 =

Icebergs

Carl went to the front of the ship.
He looked out over the cold sea.
He saw chunks of floating ice.



floating ice



iceberg

Some of the chunks were huge.

They were icebergs.

“Look, Fern,” he said. “That iceberg is bigger than a house.”

Some of the icebergs looked like they had dirt on them.

“How did the dirt get there?” asked Carl.

A man on deck was an Arctic expert.

He said that the dirt blew across the sea.

It blew from the land.



dirt on ice

Carl saw an animal resting on an iceberg.

"Look, Fern. What kind of animal is that?"

"It looks like a walrus," said Fern.

"See the two long teeth?"

"What does a walrus eat?" asked Carl.



walrus



"Clams," said the Arctic expert.

"A walrus eats clams from the sea bed.

It uses its snout to find them in the mud."

Fern pointed to the water.

"Look, what is that?" she asked.

"That is not a walrus."

"I think it is a white whale," said Carl.

"Yes, it is," said the Arctic expert.

"It is called a beluga."



whale

The floating ice was getting
thicker and thicker.

Soon they could not see
the water.

There was just ice.



ice sheet

“Do you think we will get
stuck?” asked Carl.

All around was ice and snow.

How could the ship move?



Carl and Fern felt the front
of the ship lift up.
They felt it ride up onto the ice.
Then there was a loud sound
like thunder.
The ship came crashing down.
It smashed through the ice sheet.

Up and down it went
smashing a path through
the ice.

“Woo-hoo!” yelled Carl.

“This is like riding a
wild horse!”



making a path

Review

er	ir	ur	He never turned the burger so it burned. The girl had a curl under her winter hat. The river burst over the rocks.

Word Work

Choose a picture from the reading. Write a sentence about the picture using one or more words from the word lists.

Team Talk Questions

1. What Arctic animals did Carl and Fern see?

2. How does an ice breaker get through the ice?

Word List 3	
Green Words	
bigger	dirt
expert	thicker
marched	firm
burst	closer
charge	
Red Words	
white	whale
through	party

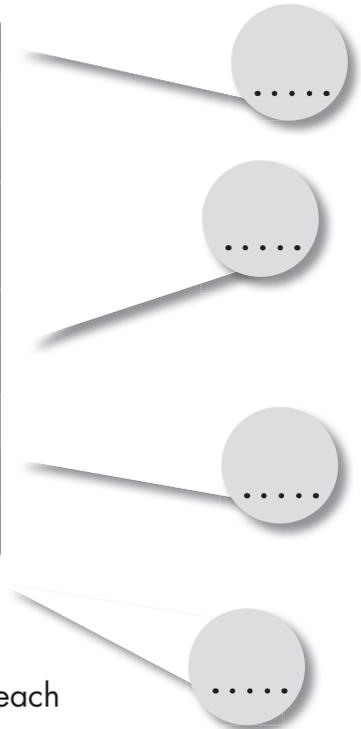
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Day 3 Homework

1

Practice reading the words in Word List 3. Have someone initial in a circle each time you read all the words on lists 1, 2, and 3 correctly.

Word List 1		Word List 2		Word List 3	
Green Words		Green Words		Green Words	
north	first	girl	morning	bigger	dirt
port	far	serve	stir	expert	thicker
dark	summer	burn	chart	marched	firm
turn	large	hard	smart	burst	closer
never		better	windows	charge	
Red Words		Red Words		Red Words	
lucky		gym		white	whale
some		movies		through	party



2

Practice reading "Icebergs." Have someone initial in a box each time you read the passage correctly and smoothly.



3

Fill in the blank. Choose the word from Word List 3 that makes the most sense in the sentence. Write it in the blank.

1. The Arctic _____ told them about the animals.
2. The _____ whale was bigger than a walrus.
3. The water pipes in his house _____.

= 4 =

Ice Walk

Carl wanted to walk on the ice sheet.

"It is cold out there on the ice,"
said Fern.

"Put on a parka."

Carl put on his snow gear.



"Do not go too far," Fern warned him.

"Stay near the ship. And watch out
for holes in the ice."

Carl marched down the ramp
to the ice.

He took a step and then
another step on the ice.
The ice was firm.



ice sheet

Carl turned around to look up at the bow of the ship.

The ship looked huge from down on the ice.



bow of the ship

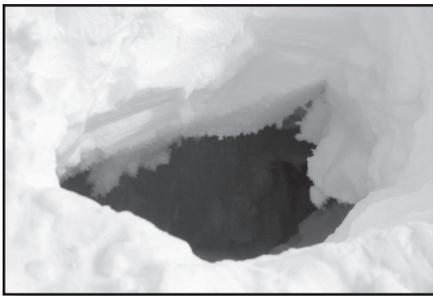
Carl walked and walked.

It seemed like the ice had no end.

He saw a hole in the ice.

He peeked in the hole.

Just then an animal burst out of the hole.



It was a fat seal.

The seal was hunting for fish under the ice.

At first Carl wanted to pet the seal. But then he saw the seal's sharp teeth.

Carl went around the seal and walked on.



seal

He saw some white lumps out on the ice.

What could they be?

He went closer.

Then Carl just about jumped out of his skin.



The lumps were sleeping polar bears!
Would they wake up and charge him?

Carl moved fast.

He turned and ran across the ice
as fast as he could go.

Carl did not look back until he
was back at the ship.

He ran up to Fern.

"Fern! I was about to be a polar
bear meal!"

"You saw polar bears?" asked Fern.

"You are so lucky."



Day 4 Classwork

Word List 1		Word List 2		Word List 3	
Green Words		Green Words		Green Words	
north	first	girl	morning	bigger	dirt
port	far	serve	stir	expert	thicker
dark	summer	burn	chart	marched	firm
turn	large	hard	smart	burst	closer
never		better	windows	charge	
Red Words		Red Words		Red Words	
lucky		gym		white	whale
some		movies		through	party

Word Work

yard _____

Team Talk Questions

1. Why didn't Carl pet the seal?
2. What were the white lumps on the ice?

Dictation

Day 4 Homework

1

Practice reading the words in Word Lists 1, 2, and 3. Have someone initial in a circle each time you read all the words on lists 1, 2, and 3 correctly.

Word List 1		Word List 2		Word List 3	
Green Words		Green Words		Green Words	
north	first	girl	morning	bigger	dirt
port	far	serve	stir	expert	thicker
dark	summer	burn	chart	marched	firm
turn	large	hard	smart	burst	closer
never		better	windows	charge	
Red Words		Red Words		Red Words	
lucky		gym		white	whale
some		movies		through	party

2

Practice reading "Ice Walk." Have someone initial in a box each time you read the passage correctly and smoothly.



3

Choose a picture from the reading. Write a sentence about the picture using one or more of the words from your word lists.

= 5 =

At the Pole



After six days at sea, the crew stopped the ship.

They had reached the top of the world, the North Pole.

All around was ice and snow.

Under the ice was the sea.

At first there was not a sound.

Then people began to cheer.

A few began singing, "I'm on top of the world!"

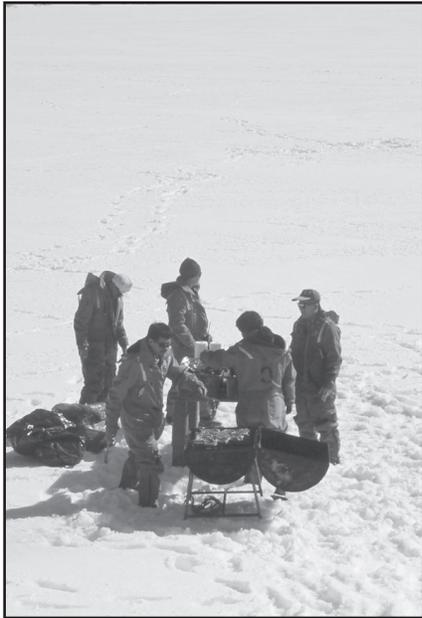


at the North Pole

Fern and Carl were out on deck.

"Well here we are," said Carl.

"What do we do now?"



Burt came up and slapped Carl on the back.

"I will tell you what we do," he said.

"We will have a party.

We will have a cook out on the ice."

"A cook out at the North Pole?" asked Carl.

"Woo-hoo! That sounds like fun!"

First the crew helped get a grill out on the ice.

Carl started the fire.

Soon the grill was hot.

Burt got burgers, hot dogs, chicken,
and corn to cook on the grill.

"No fish soup today," he said.



food on the grill

Burt grilled the food.

Fern and Carl served people lunch.

They put up speakers from the ship and played music.

People were dancing.

It was a fun party on the ice at the North Pole.

Then Burt told Carl and Fern that it was time to take a swim.

"In the swimming pool?" asked Fern.

"No," said Burt. "Over there is a hole in the ice.



Arctic swim

We will take a dip in the sea."

"You have to be kidding!" cried Carl. "That water is cold!"

Burt smiled. "Put on a thermal suit.

It will keep you from getting too cold."



Carl and Fern put on thermal suits.

They dove into the hole and went under the ice.

They swam in the sea under the North Pole.

Day 5 Classwork

Word List 1		Word List 2		Word List 3	
Green Words		Green Words		Green Words	
north	first	girl	morning	bigger	dirt
port	far	serve	stir	expert	thicker
dark	summer	burn	chart	marched	firm
turn	large	hard	smart	burst	closer
never		better	windows	charge	
Red Words		Red Words		Red Words	
lucky		gym		white	whale
some		movies		through	party

Word Work

Choose a picture from the reading. Write a sentence about the picture using one or more words from your word lists.

Team Talk Questions

1. What is there to do at the North Pole?
 2. How did Carl and Fern get under the ice?
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Dictation

Day 5 Homework

1

Practice spelling the words in Word Lists 1, 2, and 3. Have someone initial in a circle each time you spell all the words on lists 1, 2, and 3 correctly.

Word List 1		Word List 2		Word List 3	
Green Words		Green Words		Green Words	
north	first	girl	morning	bigger	dirt
port	far	serve	stir	expert	thicker
dark	summer	burn	chart	marched	firm
turn	large	hard	smart	burst	closer
never		better	windows	charge	
Red Words		Red Words		Red Words	
lucky		gym		white	whale
some		movies		through	party



2

Practice reading "At the Pole." Have someone initial in a box each time you read the passage correctly and smoothly.



3

Choose a picture from the reading. Write a sentence about the picture using at least two words from your word lists.

Key Cards



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