

Nights of the Pufflings
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Genre: Nonfiction

Focus Skill: Summarize

Focus Strategy: Adjust Reading Rate

Directions: While reading the story "Nights of the Pufflings" by Lyle Prescott, answer the questions with information from the text.

<p>1.) When is the only time the puffins come ashore?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<p>They are coming back to Halla's island and the nearby uninhabited islands to lay eggs and raise puffin chicks. (pg. 211)</p>
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<p>2.) Why does the author call puffins "clowns of the sea"?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<p>These "clowns of the sea" return to the same burrows year after year. (page 211)</p>
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<p>3.) When do the puffins return to the area where Halla lives?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<p>While Halla and her friends are at school in the village beneath the cliffs, the puffins continue to land. (page 211)</p>
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<p>4.) Where do baby puffins live?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<p>Deep inside the cliffs that egg will hatch a chick. (pg. 212)</p>
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<p>5.) Why must grown-up puffins catch lots of fish?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<p>The grown-up puffins have to catch lots of fish, because now that it's summer they are feeding more than just themselves. (pg. 212)</p>
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<p>6.) Why do the baby puffins stay in their homes for several weeks?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<p>They stay safely hidden in the long dark tunnels of their burrows. (pg. 213)</p>
<p>7.) Why do the pufflings try to hide?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<p>Unable to take off from flat ground, they run around and try to hide. (pg. 214)</p>
<p>8) What reason does the author give for the nights of the pufflings?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<p>Starting tonight, and for the next two weeks, the pufflings will be leaving for their winter at sea. (pg. 214)</p>
<p>9) Why do hundreds of pufflings crash-land in the village?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<p>But some get confused by the village lights—perhaps they think the lights are moonbeams reflecting on the water. (pg. 214)</p>

<p>10.) How long do the children keep the pufflings in the cardboard boxes?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<p>The next day they send their guests on their way. (pg. 216)</p>
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<p>11.) Why do the children of Heimaey rescue the pufflings?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<p>Halla and her friends will spend each night searching for stranded pufflings that don't make it to the water. (pg. 214)</p>
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