

**Grade 4 Theme 2, Story 3**  
**“Night of the Pufflings”**

**LA.A.1.2.3 – Vocabulary – pg. 216**

1. Read these sentences from the story.

**Starting tonight and for the next two weeks, the pufflings will be leaving for their winter at sea. Halla and her friends will spend each night searching for the stranded pufflings that don’t make it to water.**

What does the word *stranded* mean?

- A. very hungry  
(incorrect meaning)
- B. uninhabited  
(incorrect meaning)
- C. rescued  
(incorrect meaning)
- D. left behind  
(correct answer)

**LA.A.1.2.3 – Author’s Purpose – pg. 211**

2. Read this sentence from the story.

**They are coming back to Halla’s Island and nearby uninhabited islands to lay eggs and raise pufflin chicks.**

If *inhabited* means “lived in,” what does *uninhabited* mean?

- A. a place with deep holes  
(incorrect meaning)
- B. a place where there are no people  
(correct meaning)
- C. a snug and cozy place  
(incorrect meaning)
- D. a dangerous place  
(incorrect meaning)

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**LA.E.2.2.1 – Cause and Effect – pg. 212**

3. Why do the adult pufflings have to catch lots of fish?
- A. to eat them before other birds do  
(incorrect cause or effect)
  - B. to decrease pollution in the ocean  
(incorrect cause or effect)
  - C. to feed themselves and their chicks  
(correct answer)
  - D. to store food in their burrows for the next season  
(incorrect cause or effect)

**LA.A.2.2.2 – Author’s Purpose – pg. 208-217**

4. Why did the author write “Night of the Pufflings”?
- A. to teach readers some of the Icelandic words the children use  
(incorrect interpretation)
  - B. to thrill readers with a story about the cliffs above the Heimaey  
(details from the passage that do not represent the author’s purpose)
  - C. to tell readers why Halla and her friends get together to help pufflings  
(correct answer)
  - D. to entertain readers with a story about the “clowns of the sea”  
(details from the passage that do not represent the author’s purpose)

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**LA.A.2.2.1 – Main Idea – pg. 214**

5. What happened AFTER the Baldusbras bloomed, but BEFORE the pufflings leave for their winter at sea?
- A. Halla and her friends get out their boxes and flashlights.  
(correct answer)
  - B. The birds splash land safely in the sea below.  
(event out of order)
  - C. The children cut the flowering Baldusbra.  
(plausible but incorrect)
  - D. Halla and her friends climb over the cliffs.  
(event out of order)

**LA.E.1.2.2 – Plot Development – pg. 214**

6. Which problem did the pufflings have when they left the burrow for their first flight?
- A. They were blinded by the children’s flashlights.  
(plausible but incorrect)
  - B. They were confused by the village lights.  
(correct answer)
  - C. The cats and dogs chased them out of their burrows.  
(conclusion not appropriate)
  - D. They had trouble flapping their wings.  
(conclusion not appropriate)