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Monitor Comprehension

**WEEK 1
DAY 1**

READ THE PASSAGE As you read, pause after each section to think about whether you understood the information.

I. Introduction

The Arctic Ocean is the smallest and coldest ocean in the world. It stretches from the North Pole to Asia, Europe, and North America. The Arctic Ocean is mostly covered in sea ice all year. It is home to penguins, walruses, polar bears, and whales. Because the ocean is so cold, few plants and animals can live there.

II. Size and Temperature

The Arctic Ocean covers 5.4 million square miles. It is smaller than all other oceans. It is also the shallowest ocean. The temperature of the Arctic Ocean stays around 32 degrees Fahrenheit (zero degrees Celsius). The large amount of sea ice in the ocean stops its temperature from changing too much. However, much of the ice in the Arctic Ocean is melting because of global warming.

STRATEGY PRACTICE Was there any part of the passage that you did not understand right away? How did you figure it out?

SKILL PRACTICE Read each question. Fill in the bubble next to the correct answer.

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| <p>1. This article would most likely be found in _____</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ⓐ a dictionary</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ⓑ an encyclopedia</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ⓒ an advertisement</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ⓓ a travel guide</p> <p>2. What is the article mostly about?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ⓐ the Arctic Ocean</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ⓑ penguin habitats</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ⓒ the North Pole</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ⓓ sea ice</p> | <p>3. Which of these headings might be the title of the next section in the article?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ⓐ <i>Early Arctic Explorers</i></p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ⓑ <i>The South Pole</i></p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ⓒ <i>Tropical Plants</i></p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ⓓ <i>Ice-Skating</i></p> <p>4. Which continent does the Arctic Ocean <i>not</i> reach?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ⓐ North America</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ⓑ Europe</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ⓒ Asia</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ⓓ Africa</p> |
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