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Second Term

Worksheet Number-17

Comprehension- Alone at Sea

Sub: English Grammar

Class: 3

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1. Read the comprehension passage from the book. Then answer the questions:-

The sea was black and there was no difference it and the sky. The waves made no sounds among themselves, only faint noises as they went under my canoe or struck against it. Sometimes the noises seemed angry and at other times like people laughing. I (a girl, Karana by name) was not hungry because of my fear. The first star made me feel less afraid. It came out low in the sky and it was in front of me, towards the east. Other stars began to appear all around, but it was this one I kept my gaze upon. It was a star which shone green and which I knew. Now and then it was hidden by a mist, yet it Always came out brightly again. Without the star I would have been lost, for the waves never changed. They always came from the same direction and in a manner that kept pushing me away from the place I wanted to reach. For this reason, the canoe made a path in the black water like a snake. But somehow I kept moving the star which shone in the east. This star rose high and then I kept the North Star on my left hand, the one we call 'the star that does not move.' The wind grew quiet. Since it always died down when the night was half over, I knew how long I had been travelling and how far away the sunrise was.

Scott O'Dell

1. How was Karana travelling?
2. How do we know that Karana was alone?
 3. What does this passage tell us about Karana?
 - a. Her qualities
 - b. Her problems
4. What did the dying down of the wind tell Karana?
5. Say whether the following sentences are true or false.
 - a. Both the sea and the sky were dark blue. _____
 - b. The first star was the one Karana knew. _____
 - c. Karana did not need the help of the stars. _____
 - d. The North Star is 'the star that does not move'. _____
 - e. Karana was very hungry. _____
6. Replace the underlined words with words from the passage.
 - a. I could hear my father's voice clearly as the noise from the car engine faded. _____
 - b. As the magician kept performing various tricks, I kept looking at _____ his assistant.

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