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1. Where did Danny put his letter after he heard the news about the mail?

- He mailed it at the post office.
- He gave it to the clerk.
- He put it in his pocket.
- He decided to hide it under the covers.

2. How did John bend the tips of the skis?

- He chopped them with an axe.
- He wedged them between two logs.
- He sanded them to make them smooth as glass.
- He put them in boiling water.

3. When did John Thompson split the log?

- He split the log before he chopped down the tree.
- He split the log before he sanded and shaped the planks.
- He split the log after he boiled the tips of the planks.
- He split the log after he tried the skis.

4. What did John say after they finished the skis?

- He said, "They will be ready at sundown."
- He said, "They are just like snowshoes."
- He said, "We can try them at sunup."
- He wiped his brow and said nothing.

5. Why did John and Danny boil the tips of the skis?

- They wanted hot water.
- They wanted the skis to be hot.
- They wanted the tips to be soft.
- They wanted the skis to be smooth.

6. Who told Danny that his letter would have to wait until spring?

- Aunt Nan
- John Thompson
- Danny O'Riley
- Danny's Pa

7. What would happen if the skis were not soft when they put them between the two logs?

8. How are skis and snowshoes the same?

9. How are skis and snowshoes different?

10. What was Danny O'Riley thinking about for most of the time?

11. What mistakes could Danny and John have made when they were making the skis?

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1. What word means almost the same as strapped?

- boots
- brains
- pressed
- tied

2. Which word means almost the same as stared?

- start
- looked
- stopped
- began

3. Which word means the opposite of bright?

- brains
- light
- dark
- cold

4. Which word means almost the same as slopes?

- meadows
- skied
- snow
- hills

5. Circle all the things that come in pairs:

eyes	nose	ears	feet
hands		snowshoes	head
mouth	legs	skis	continents
socks		beaks	picture

6. Draw a pair of boots:

7. What did Danny say after the man called John "foolhardy"?

- He said, "We can count on him."
- He said, "He will dash his brains out."
- Danny said, "John is not foolhardy."
- Danny didn't say anything. He screamed!

8. What would happen if the bear had seen John?

- The bear would keep John warm.
- The bear would have howled.
- The bear would attack John.
- The bear would start skiing.

Write skis or snowshoes to finish each sentence:

9. You should use _____ to glide down a slope.

10. You do not need special boots to wear _____.

11. You can wear _____ to walk across meadows.

12. You need poles to stay up on _____.

13. _____ are long and thin, but _____ are short and wide.

14. What did John do before he tried the skis on the hill?

- He skied down the hill.
- He put on his skis.
- He came to a stop.
- He went to get Aunt Nan.

15. What did Danny do before John tried the skis on the hill?

- He came to a stop.
- He went to get Aunt Nan.
- He skied down the hill.
- He stared out the window.

16. Why do you think John was called Snowshoe Thompson?

17. Why do you think John only used one ski pole and not two poles?

18. Who in the town of Placerville was Danny's relative?

19. Do you think Old Joe will ever learn how to ski? Explain your answer.

20. How are Danny's letter and Pa's letter alike?

21. How are Danny's letter and Pa's letter different?
