

Essential English Skills – Grade 2 (Practice 1) –

• reading comprehension

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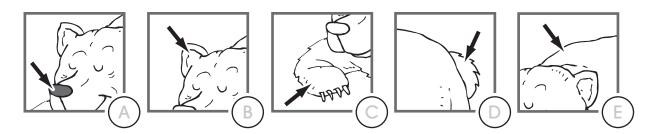
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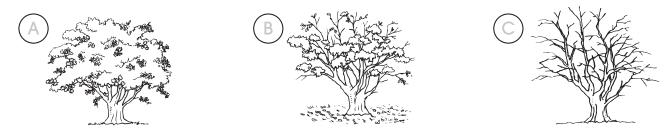
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B. Check the correct answers.

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(A) beats slowly (B) beats quickly (C) stops

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- 4. The _____ of a bear is called a snout.
 (A) foot
 (B) tail
 (C) nose
- 5. A bear's blood is _____ when it hibernates.
 - A hotB warmC cold
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 (B) thin
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