

## Chapter 19: Malu Bhalu

### Reading is Fun

#### Question 1:

Where did the polar bear live with her family?

#### Answer:

The polar bear lived in an icy lair with her family.

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#### Question 2:

What did Malu learn to do from her parents?

#### Answer:

Malu learnt from her parents to catch fish that were big or small.

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#### Question 3:

Where did Malu want to travel?

#### Answer:

Malu wanted to go far out to play and see the things beyond the big blue sky.

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#### Question 4:

What was it that Malu's parents wanted her to learn?

**Answer:**

Malu's parents wanted her to learn swimming.

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**Question 5:**

Was Malu scared to swim? Did she learn it easily?

**Answer:**

Yes, Malu was a little scared to swim at first since she was not experienced. Eventually, she did learn it easily.

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**Question 6:**

Read the last two stanzas of the poem. Whom does 'she' stand for in both?

**Answer:**

In the last two stanzas of the poem, 'she' stands for Malu's mother.

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**Question 7:**

See the picture shown below and talk about it.

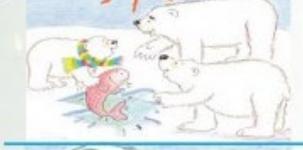
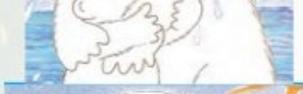


**Answer:**

A mother bear is teaching her child how to swim. Although the child was very afraid in the beginning, she is now enjoying every moment of this experience. The water is very cold in the polar region, and the baby bear was not ready for this chilling experience.

Use a chart

**Question 1:**

Malu Bhalu	True or False	Character Sketch
	Malu's hair was white. <input type="checkbox"/>	brave, strong, hardworking, eager to learn more, smart, caring, impatient, female, affectionate, bold, playful, white, adventurous, clever, young, fearless
	Malu knew how to swim. <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Malu was playing with the penguins. <input type="checkbox"/>	1. _____
	Malu was good at catching fish. <input type="checkbox"/>	2. _____
	Malu was a brave bhalu. <input type="checkbox"/>	3. _____
	Malu did not love her mother. <input type="checkbox"/>	4. _____
	Malu's mother was firm. <input type="checkbox"/>	5. _____ 6. _____

Now write a detailed character sketch of Malu Bhalu.

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**Answer:**

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	Malu was playing with the penguins. <input type="checkbox"/> F	
	Malu was good at catching fish. <input type="checkbox"/> T	
	Malu was a brave bhalu. <input type="checkbox"/> T	
	Malu did not love her mother. <input type="checkbox"/> F	
	Malu's mother was firm. <input type="checkbox"/> F	1. brave
		2. strong
		3. eager to learn more
		4. smart
		5. playful
		6. impatient

Malu was a brave bhalu. She learnt to catch fish easily. Malu was a little bit afraid to swim in the beginning. Malu trusted and followed her mother, and she was eager to learn more from her mother. Malu was impatient and playful as she wanted to go beyond the blue sky to play.

## Let's talk

Read the following

### Question 1:

Read the following passage carefully.

One day Meena plucks a mango and brings it home. Her grandmother gives the larger piece to Raju because he is a boy. Meena protests. After all, she brought the mango and she is the elder of the two. She insists she has a greater right over her share. Her father comes to her help and divides the mango equally.

Now answer the questions.

- (i) Who brought the mango home?
- (ii) Why did Meena's grandmother give a larger piece to Raju?
- (iii) Who do you think should have got the larger piece?

1. Using the following clues write about yourself in the space below — name, place you live in, physical features, habits, likes and dislikes etc.

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2. What are the things your mother asks you to do?

*Things you like to do*

*Things you do not like to do*

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**Answer:**

- (i) Meena brought the mango home.
- (ii) Meena's grandmother gave the larger piece to Raju because he was a boy.
- (iii) Meena should have gotten the larger piece because it was she who brought the mango.
1. (Note: Students should write on their own.)
2. The things my mother asks me to do are as follows:

<i>Things you like to do</i>	<i>Things you do not like to do</i>
I like to play indoor games.	I do not like to do household chores.
I like to watch television.	I do not like to travel on holidays.
I like to use the internet.	I do not like to do exercise.

(Note: Students should write on their own.)

**Let's write**

**Question 1:**

**Malu** lived with **Malu's parents** in the North Pole. **Malu** had great fun with **Malu's** seagull friends.

One day, **Malu's** father told **Malu** that the hunters had come to trap **Malu** and **Malu's family**. **Malu** knew how to hide very well. **Malu** shut **Malu's** eyes and curled up like a ball of snow. The hunters searched for **Malu** and **Malu's family** everywhere but in vain.

We can avoid repeating the names by using certain other words in their place. Study the table below.

	<b>Singular</b>	<b>Plural</b>
person speaking	i, me	we, us
person spoken to	you	you
other persons	he, him, she, her	they, them
place things	it	

Now rewrite the above paragraph using words from the above table.

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**Answer:**

Malu lived with her parents in the North Pole. She had great fun with her seagull friends.

One day, Malu's father told her that the hunters had come to trap her and her family. She knew how to hide very well. Malu shut her eyes and curled up like a ball of snow. The hunters searched for her and her family everywhere but in vain.