

Wolf Brother chapter 23 – comprehension

1. What personification has been used at the beginning of this chapter and what impression does it give of the ice river?

The ice river is sleeping and will be easily awoken, as though it is a dangerous creature

2. What does the word 'plodded' tell you about how the three characters were moving?

Walking slowly, tired

3. What do the words 'obliterate' and 'torrent' mean?

Obliterate = completely destroy torrent = a strong rushing, like a stream

4. Name 2 things that they did to prepare to cross the ice river.

Stuffing boots with marsh grass; making mittens and caps from salmon skin & rawhide; a reed cape for Torak

5. When Renn replies 'safe?!' to Torak after they are caught in ice-fall, what does she mean?

That just because the ice fall has stopped, it still isn't safe because the ice river is so dangerous

6. How do they manage to carry fire with them?

Made a fire then blown it out so it was just smouldering and then wrapped it in birch bark

7. Find 3 signs that this part of the journey will be particularly treacherous.

The ice river seemed like it could wake at any moment

He remembered Fa's warning that a journey in snow is no game – you could end up dead

They were caught in a sudden ice fall

They don't think they have enough firewood

The meltwater suddenly disappeared