

Pronounce & Spell

Himalayas

Antarctic

scientist

Arctic

South Sea

Poles

regions

India

Vocabulary

Write the meaning of each bold word or phrase.

1. He was spattered here and there with paint and **calcimine** _____
whitewash
2. he was rather an **untidy** man _____
messy
3. Mr. Popper was so **absent-minded** ... always dreaming about far-away countries
forgetful
4. He had never seen those great shining white **expanses** of ice and snow
open spaces
5. he might have joined some of the great Polar **expeditions** _____
trips, journeys, explorations
6. When he came to the gate of the neat little **bungalow** _____
small house
7. I have saved a little, and I **daresay** we can get along as we have other winters
think it very likely

Comprehension Questions

1. Describe Mr. Popper. _____

He is a messy, absent-minded dreamer who is a good painter.

2. What is Mr. Popper's occupation? _____

He paints houses, inside and out.

3. What does Mr. Popper dream about most? _____

He dreams of far-away places.

4. Why are evenings the best time of all for Mr Popper? _____

He gets to read and find places on the globe.

5. Why is Mr. Popper happy it is the end of September? _____

His work season has ended until spring.

6. What is Mrs. Popper worried about? _____

She worries about having enough money to get through the winter.

Activity

Complete the following:

- Draw a picture of the Popper family. Use details from the book.
- Find the locations Mr. Popper dreamed about on a map. Guess why each might appeal to him.
- Think of an exotic place you would like to visit. Explain your choice.
- Write five sentences that describe Mr. Popper and his family. Use details from the book and choose your own strong adjectives.

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quiet	interrupt	admitted	except
twenty-ninth	gracious	commanded	stomachs

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1. As he put on his **spectacles**, he was quite pleased at the prospect _____
eyeglasses
2. answered Mrs. Popper, a little **sharply** _____
abruptly; with an edge in her voice
3. She was not at all a disagreeable woman, but she sometimes got rather **cross** _____
upset; angry
4. They sound to me like pretty **heathen** birds. _____
uncivilized
5. It's a **queer** thing. _____
strange; unusual
6. Mr. Popper put down his book ... and moved **hastily** to the radio. _____
quickly
7. from the South Pole, a **faint** voice floated out into the Popper living room _____
difficult to hear; not loud