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The Basking Cyclone

Worksheet · Grades 9+



Comprehension Questions

1. What did the man initially mistake the alligator for?

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2. How did the alligator react when the man poked it with the boat-hook?

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3. What was the man's reaction after realizing the alligator was not a log?

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4. What does the story suggest about assumptions and appearances?

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5. Can you identify a moral lesson from this story? If so, what is it?

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Vocabulary Matching Exercise

Match the words on the left with their correct definitions on the right.

Word	Definition
A. Alligator	1. A type of wood used for building
B. Driftwood	2. A large reptile found in water
C. Cabin	3. Wood that has been washed ashore
D. Saurian	4. Relating to lizards or reptiles

E. Cyclone	5. A severe weather condition with strong winds

Writing/Reflection Task

Reflect on the story and write a short paragraph about what you learned from it. Consider how the man's misunderstanding led to unexpected consequences.

Feel free to take this worksheet and use it for discussion or personal reflection. What insights did you gain from "The Basking Cyclone"?