

## Malu Bhalu

**1. Where did the polar bear live with her family?**

**Solution:**

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

**2. What did Malu learn to do from her parents?**

**Solution:**

She learnt fishing and swimming from her parents.

**3. Where did Malu want to travel?**

**Solution:**

Malu wanted to travel beyond the big blue sky.

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

**Solution:**

Malu's parents wanted her to learn the art of swimming.

**5. Was Malu scared to swim? Did she learn it easily?**

**Solution:**

Yes, Malu was scared to swim. Yes, she learnt it easily.

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

**Solution:**

'She' stands for Malu Bhalu in the first stanza and in the second stanza 'she' stands for her mother.

**7. Use a chart**

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

Malu's mother was firm.

Now write a detailed character sketch of Malu Bhalu.

**Solution:**

True or False	Character Sketch
Malu's hair was white. (T)	brave, strong, hardworking, eager to learn more, smart, caring, impatient, female, affectionate, bold, playful, white, adventurous, clever, young, fearless  1. Malu Bhalu was brave. 2. She was very smart. 3. She was eager to learn more. 4. She was strong and hardworking. 5. She was very affectionate. 6. She was bold, fearless and adventurous.
Malu knew how to swim. (F)	
Malu was playing with the penguins. (F)	
Malu was good at catching fish. (T)	
Malu was a brave bhalu. (T)	
Malu did not love her mother. (F)	
Malu's mother was firm. (T)	

Malu Bhalu was a female and brave polar bear. She was young and clever. Malu was covered with white hair. She was always eager to learn more. She learned how to fish easily. She was very smart and learned the art of swimming quickly. She was bold, fearless and adventurous too.

**8. 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?

**Solution:**

(i) Meena brought the mango home.

(ii) Her grandmother gave a larger piece to Raju because he is a boy.

(iii) According to me, Meena should have got the larger piece.

9. 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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**Solution:**

Things you like to do	Things you do not like to do
Going to the market.	Getting up early.
Watching cartoons on television.	Studying every morning. .
Playing in the evening.	Arranging books in the cupboard.
Giving water to plants.	Ironing the clothes.

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

	Singular	Plural
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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**Solution:**

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