**📚 Reading Comprehension Activity – Year 6**

**Text: *The Midnight Fox* (Fictional Extract)**

**Answers**

1. **Word Meaning**
*What does the word “gleamed” suggest about the fox’s eyes?*
➤ It suggests the fox’s eyes were shining or reflecting light, making them appear bright and possibly magical or mysterious.
2. **Retrieval**
*Where was Tom when he saw the fox?*
➤ He was standing under the moonlit trees in a clearing.
3. **Inference**
*Why do you think Tom’s heart was “thudding in his chest”?*
➤ Because he was excited, scared, or amazed by seeing the black fox, especially since he thought it was only a legend.
4. **Prediction**
*What do you think Tom will do next? Why?*
➤ He might try to follow the fox to find out more about it or tell someone what he saw, because he is curious and shocked by the encounter.
5. **Explanation (Authorial Choice)**
*Why do you think the author described the world as “paused” when the fox looked at Tom?*
➤ To show how powerful and magical the moment was for Tom, making it feel like time stood still. It emphasizes the importance of the encounter.
6. **Summarising**
*Summarise what happens in the text in two sentences.*
➤ Tom sees the legendary midnight fox in a moonlit clearing. After a brief, intense moment, the fox silently disappears into the shadows.
7. **Authorial Intent**
*Why do you think the author chose to call the fox “legendary”? What effect does this have on the reader?*
➤ It makes the fox seem rare, mysterious, and important. It creates a sense of wonder and makes the reader feel the event is special or magical.