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**📚 Reading Comprehension Activity – Year 6**

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

Tom stood frozen under the moonlit trees, barely daring to breathe. The black fox, sleek and silent, padded across the clearing ahead. Its eyes gleamed like polished glass, catching the moonlight in a way that made it seem almost magical.

He had heard about the legendary midnight fox from his uncle, but he had never believed it was real—until now. Tom's heart thudded in his chest as the creature paused, ears twitching, and turned its head toward him.

For a moment, the world seemed to pause. The wind stilled, the leaves hung motionless, and even Tom's thoughts seemed to freeze.

Then, with a flick of its tail, the fox disappeared into the shadows as silently as it had come.

**Questions**

1. **Word Meaning**
*What does the word “gleamed” suggest about the fox’s eyes?*

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1. **Retrieval**
*Where was Tom when he saw the fox?*

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1. **Inference**
*Why do you think Tom’s heart was “thudding in his chest”?*

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1. **Prediction**
*What do you think Tom will do next? Why?*

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1. **Explanation (Authorial Choice)**
*Why do you think the author described the world as “paused” when the fox looked at Tom?*

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1. **Summarising**
*Summarise what happens in the text in two sentences.*

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1. **Authorial Intent**
*Why do you think the author chose to call the fox “legendary”? What effect does this have on the reader?*

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