

## The Midnight Fox

1. What was Tom doing when he saw the black fox?

2. Circle the correct expression:

a) It was like my eyes were:

watering	staring blankly	playing a trick	blinking
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b) In the distance

the grass moved	a fox leapt	the wind blew	I saw a field
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c) Tom was sitting

in a field	by some trees	in the grass	in the woods
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3. Why was Tom so excited?

4. Tom needed to stay very still so the fox wouldn't be alarmed. What nearly gave him away?

5. 'Her black fur was **tipped** with white'. Which word is closest in meaning to the word **tipped**?

brushed	edged	painted	tinted
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6. Why is the expression 'it was as if it were midnight and the moon were shining on her fur' effective for describing the fox's fur?

7. How did the fox know that Tom was there?

8. Look at line 43. What is the purpose of the short sentences?

9. What did Tom think 'the food stuff' in the zoos was?

10. Tom likens the zoo experience to a 'kite on the floor' and seeing the fox to 'seeing one up in the sky where it was supposed to be pulling at the wind'. Explain what Tom is thinking with these descriptions.