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1. How many huskies pull Tooye's dog sled?



Three dogs.

2. How long did it take Tooye to get around the lake?
Did he beat his record?



12 minutes, 17.5 seconds, a new record for Tooye.

3. Who is Tooye's hero?

Eugene Pike, the great champion musher.

4. Do you have a hero or a person you look up to?

Share your answer.



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6. What is a "musher"?

A person who drives dog sleds.

7. What does Tooeey say is wrong with the race course in Talkeetna?

There is hardly any snow on the ground. Without snow, the dogs will not be able to pull the sleds.

7. Why does Molly's Mom say there is less and less snow on the ground every year?

The climate is changing. Weather is getting more and more unpredictable.



9. What really exciting news does Auntie Midge tell the villagers of Qyah?

Qyah has been offered the chance to host the Junior Arctic Wolf Relay.

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What do you remember from listening?

1. How does Molly feel about the race? How do you know?

Molly is excited. Her father said that everyone was excited, especially his daughter, and then Molly came over and interrupted him, speaking fast and explaining all she had done to prepare .

2. Who is Elijah?

Another junior musher, like Tooley. Elijah's father used to race against Tooley's.

3. What are the names of Tooley's sled dogs?

Jaxs, Luca and Rascal.

4. If you had sled dogs, what would you name them?

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5. What does Molly say to slow the sled dogs down?



Easy, easy!

6. What has Tooeey's father, Kenji, taught Tooeey about racing?

If you go into it only thinking about winning, you miss a lot of other important things about the dogs, the course and challenging yourself.

7. What is a "commotion"?

A fuss, or state of confusion and noisy disturbance.

8. How did the Trading Post and Bunkhouse get flooded?



A pipe burst.

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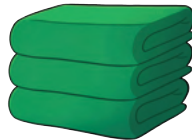
The Denali Trading Post has flooded! Now all the visiting mushers and guests will need to find new places to stay. And where is Eugene Pike, the race marshal and guest of honor?

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1. What solution do the people of Qyah come up with to house the visitors? What does this solution tell you about the people of Qyah?

They all volunteer to have people come and stay in their homes. This tells us the people of Qyah are generous and work together as a community to solve problems.

2. What items did Tooley put in his guest room to make it extra special?



His favorite pillow and blanket.

3. What does Tooley say will be the tricky part of the race?

Going across the frozen river.

4. What is an “obstacle”?

Something that is in the way or prevents progress.



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5. What does Tooley's Dad say to do with unexpected obstacles?



Trust the dog's instincts.

6. Who ends up staying at Tooley's house?

Elijah and Chancey.

7. How do you think Tooley feels about who is staying at his house? Use evidence from the story to support your answer.



Share your answer.

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What do you remember from listening?

1. Why does Molly end her vlog early?



She wants to go with her Dad and meet Eugene Pike

2. What does Eugene say you need for dog racing?

A lot of work and skill.

3. Why is having a race monitor important?

Because they make sure everyone stays safe.

4. What does "expert" mean?

Someone who knows a lot about something.



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5. Why isn't Tooley at the race? How does Molly feel about this?

Because he has a bad cold. Molly is sad for him.

6. Who is Tooley sad for? And why?

His dogs. Because they have never been more ready for a race.

7. When Molly takes Tooley's place in the Arctic Wolf Junior Relay, what do you think will happen next? Use evidence from the story to support your thinking.

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Episode 05: Molly the Musher

The relay is about to start but with Tooley out sick, Molly agrees to take his place as a musher in the race! After a pep talk with her dog team, Molly's ready to go, but how will she react when she finds a stowaway?

What do you remember from listening?

1. How does Molly feel about competing in the race?

Kind of nervous.

2. What items is Molly bringing with her on the race?

Sleeping bag, snowshoes, and a headlamp.

3. What does "tradition" mean?

Traditions are ways of doing things that are passed down from generation to generation.

4. What traditions does your family have?



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5. Who is meeting Molly at the rest stop at night?

Grandpa Nat.

6. Who follows Molly once she starts the race?



Suki.

7. What does Molly check in with Jay about?

To see if it is safe to cross the frozen river.

8. Why does Molly go off course? What does this show us about Molly's character?

To stop Tabitha from going in the wrong direction. This shows us she is more concerned about people and her community than in winning.

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Episode 06: Camp Out

Molly helps Tabitha find her way back on course. To their delight they find Grandpa Nat and Eugene Pike already at the campsite – each with a story to share.

What do you remember from listening?

1. Why does Tabitha want Molly to go first?

Because Molly would have been ahead if she hadn't stopped to help Tabitha from going off course.

2. What do the junior mushers eat at camp?

Hot chocolate and stew.

3. What does “perseverance” mean?

Sticking with something that is hard.

4. What does it mean to be an “underdog”?

Someone who no one expects will win.



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**5. In Eugene’s story, did Elizabeth have an easy race?
How do you know?**

No! She encountered wolves, a bridge was washed away, and the runner on her sled broke when she hit a branch.

**6. Elizabeth fixed her sled and finished the race.
Why wasn’t she upset that she came in last?**

She was proud of herself for not giving up and persevering.

7. Why did Tooley miss Eugene Pike’s story even though he was listening on the radio?

He fell asleep.

8. Can you describe a time when things were really hard but you didn't give up?

Share your answer!



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What do you remember from listening?

1. What does Molly's Dad say animals do in heavy snow?

Stick to roads and paths where the snow has been flattened.

2. What is the trouble that Suki senses?

A herd of caribou.

3. What makes Luca a good lead dog?

He stays calm and sets a good example for the other dogs.

4. What does being "confident" mean?

It means believing in yourself.



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5. Molly sees another person going off course. Who is it this time?

Elijah.

6. Does Molly pass Elijah? Does this surprise you, why or why not?

No, she stops and helps him.

7. If you were Molly, would you help Elijah? Why or why not?

Share your answer!



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What do you remember from listening?

1. What is a “bramble”?

Rough, tangled, prickly shrubs.

2. Winning means coming in first. Do you agree or disagree? Use evidence from the story to support your answer.

Share your answer!

3. How does Molly problem-solve Elijah's broken sled?

They tie the two sleds together.

4. What did Elijah teach his father?

You do not need to win to be happy. He is happy because he had fun and made a new friend

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5. When is the Golden Runner Award given?

When a musher exhibits incredible sportsmanship, perseverance, and problem-solving.

6. What does “sportsmanship” mean?

Fair and generous behavior during a competition.

7. When Molly gives her award speech, who does she say she learned the importance of helping friends and working together from?

Her community.

8. What favor does Molly ask of Eugene Pike?



She asks him to come visit Tooley.

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