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“To Build a Fire” by Jack London Scavenger Hunt

- _____ / _____ 1. Two adjectives to describe the breaking day
- _____ 2. The trail (the territory and the river share this same name)
- _____ / _____ 3. Type of timberland on the steep bank; he stops & looks at this to catch his breath.
- _____ / _____ 4. The time / because he is in the Arctic Circle, there is “no ____ nor hint of ____.”
- _____ / _____ 5. Even though it is a clear day, there is “a subtle ____ that made the day ____.”
- _____ 6. Noun phrase (adjective and noun) depicting the sun
- _____ / _____ 7. Thickness of the ice on the river / thickness of the snow covering the river
- _____ / _____ 8. Directions of “... as far as the eye could see, ... unbroken white”
- _____ / _____ 9. The trail: “south _____ miles to _____ Pass, Dyea and salt water;”
- _____ / _____ 10. “... that led north: “_____ to _____”
- _____ / _____ 11. “... and still on to the north _____ miles to _____”
- _____ / _____ 12. “... and finally to St. Michael on the _____ Sea” / _____ miles (totaled)
- _____ 13. Strangely enough, several natural phenomena make “no _____ on the man.”
- _____ 14. The man’s problem: he has “no _____.”
- _____ / _____ 15. The man is “quick and alert in the _____ of life ... and not in the _____.”
- _____ 16. _____ degrees below zero means “eighty-odd degrees of frost.”
- _____ 17. His spittle “crackled in the _____,” which means it is colder than 50 below
- _____ / _____ 18. The man is heading for “an old ____ on the left fork of Henderson _____.”
- _____ / _____ 19. His lunch: _____ with grease and fried _____
- _____ 20. His expected time of arrival at the camp
- _____ / _____ 21. Type of dog that accompanies him: “a big native _____, the proper _____-dog.”
- _____ 22. The dog knows by _____ that “tremendous cold” is “no time for traveling.”
- _____ / _____ 23. The actual temperature / the degrees of frost at this temperature
- _____ / _____ 24. The two adjectives to describe the apprehension the dog experiences
- _____ 25. The frozen moisture settles on the dog, “whitened by its _____ breath.”
- _____ 26. Type of thermometer that contains alcohol, used in extremely cold temperatures
- _____ / _____ 27. How far Henderson Creek is from “the forks;” / his hourly pace
- _____ / _____ 28. # of inches of snow on the path / how long since a sled has been on it
- _____ 29. The frozen chewing tobacco spittle forms an “_____ - _____ on his mouth.”
- _____ 30. His cheeks are freezing; he wishes he had “a _____ - _____ of the sort Bud wore ...”

- _____ 31. The creek is frozen, but bubbling _____ do not freeze and can be death traps.
- _____ 32. How the man makes the dog go ahead to test the safety of the ice
- _____ 33. The man helps “tear out the _____” from the dog’s paw
- _____/_____ 34. “At _____ o’clock the day was at its brightest;” even though at this time of year
“the sun was too far south on its winter journey to clear the _____.”
- _____/_____ 35. The time he arrives at the forks of the creek / how he feels about his pace
- _____/_____ 36. After he stops to eat, his toes sting, and he wonders if they are “_____ or _____”
- _____ 37. He builds a fire for warmth when he eats his lunch and afterwards smokes a _____.
- _____ 38. The dog wants to stay at the fire, but the dog is “the _____-slave” of the man
- _____ 39. The man breaks through the ice; he is wet halfway to his _____.
- _____ 40. He must build a fire to dry out his _____-_____.
- _____ 41. When he is walking, this keeps him warm (When he stops, it slows down.)
- _____ 42. Adjective the man uses to describe old timers; (The man is arrogantly confident he
will be fine.)
- _____/_____ 43. He builds a fire under a _____ tree. / Falling snow on the boughs forms an _____.
- _____/_____ 44. The fire is extinguished “under a _____ of fresh and disordered _____.”
- _____/_____ 45. “The man was _____. It was as though he had just heard his own sentence of _____.”
- _____/_____ 46. He reaches for another piece of _____ bark to start the fire; his fingers are frozen;
he cannot feel the bark but hears “its crisp _____ as he fumbled for it.”
- _____/_____ 47. The “whole bunch” of these falls into the snow, / but his “_____ fingers could
neither clutch or touch.”
- _____/_____ 48. “The old-timer at Sulphur Creek was _____. ... after fifty below a man should
travel with a _____.”
- _____/_____ 49. He remembers a story of a man who killed a _____ and used his carcass to warm
himself; he considers doing the same thing with the _____.
- _____/_____ 50. The man decides he must run to keep warm, but there is a flaw in this plan: “he
lacked the _____.” The man freezes to death; the dog goes on to the _____.