Hi, I’m Minnesota Muskrat. To read the following story, use your calculator to answer each problem in parentheses. Leave the answer on your calculator screen, and turn your calculator upside down to find the missing word. Then, write the word in the blank space before the problem. Remember to clear your calculator after you write down each word.

MINNESOTA MUSKRAT’S ICY ADVENTURE

It was a very cold, clear day, perfect for winter sports. Minnesota Muskrat and his young niece, ______________ (310,523 + 40,550) were eager to try out the new arctic exploration equipment that _______ (17 + 17) had bought.

“First, we’ll climb up __________ (1,001 ÷ 1,400) Mountain,” said Minnesota.

“________, (56 x 6) isn’t that a strange name for a mountain?” ______________ (1,755,365 ÷ 5) asked.

“It’s a strange mountain,” Minnesota replied. “It’s supposed to be completely hollow inside!”

The difficult trip up the mountain took the muskrats over two hours, so they were amazed to find a ______(206 x 3) ______________ (761 ÷ 10,000) built on the very top. The words “Snow ______________” (761 x 46) were painted on a sign in front of the icy structure.

“Maybe we should ______(740 – 405) what’s inside,” Minnesota suggested, and that’s exactly what they did.

It was absolutely incredible! Not only was there a ______ (111,006 – 110,388) screen TV, a couch, two recliner chairs, a full kitchen, and a staircase leading down to several other rooms, but it must have been close to 80 degrees inside! “________, (751 x 6) who could have built this place?” asked ______________. (228,479 + 122,594)

Suddenly, a loud ______ (6 x 919) echoed through the room, followed by an even louder wailing shriek. Then, the muskrats heard a rapid series of footsteps coming up the stairs. They were both scared stiff! Minnesota grabbed his niece and they hid behind the couch.

“Now that the water has come to a __________, (16,671 – 9,563) would you like some tea or cocoa?” a familiar voice asked them. It was Detective Duck, and Decimal Dalmatian was standing right next to him. “___ (47 ÷ 47) heard you come in,” the duck told his guests, as the super-powered dalmatian licked Minnesota’s niece on the face.

After Detective Duck explained to the two muskrats that Decimal Dalmatian had built the incredible igloo for vacationing ______________, (631 x 56) they all drank cocoa and then went outside to try out Minnesota’s new skis and _____sled. (202 x 4)