

Vocabulary and Comprehension

You may use your book to help you answer the questions below.

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“Too Soon a Woman”

A. Match words and definitions. Write the letter of the correct definition next to each word.

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| _____ 1. grudging | a. less than enough |
| _____ 2. skimpy | b. very thin and bony |
| _____ 3. gaunt | c. searched through the contents of a container |
| _____ 4. savoring | d. reluctant, unwilling |
| _____ 5. rummaged | e. enjoying or appreciating with great delight |

B. Choose three words from above. Use each word in a sentence.

- 1. _____

- 2. _____

- 3. _____

C. Write T or F next to each statement to tell if it is true or false.

- _____ 1. The family begins the trip with a large, fancy Conestoga wagon.
- _____ 2. Mary is eighteen years old in the story.
- _____ 3. Pa is happy when Mary joins them.
- _____ 4. Mary came from a happy family.
- _____ 5. Everyone they meet is going through hard times.
- _____ 6. Mary eats the mushroom first to make sure it isn't poisonous.
- _____ 7. Pa and Mary get married after the story ends.

Additional Vocabulary Practice
*You may use your book to help you answer
 the questions below.*

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“Too Soon a Woman”; “Union Pacific Railroad Poster”; “Home, Sweet Soddie”

A. Complete each sentence with a word from the Word Bank.

1. I’m hungry. Do we have any _____?
2. To keep the supplies dry, cover them with something that’s _____.
3. Many _____ found life on the prairie hard and lonely.
4. On the farm, they _____ pigs and cattle for food.
5. Pioneers would dig a _____ so they could have water.

<p>Word Bank butcher grub homesteaders waterproof well</p>
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B. Match words and definitions. Write the letter of the correct definition next to each word.

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| _____ 1. soil | a. trees that can be cut for lumber |
| _____ 2. timber | b. pieces of ice that sometimes fall in a thunderstorm |
| _____ 3. acre | c. tall, narrow, funnels of whirling wind |
| _____ 4. sod | d. something that causes illness or death if taken into the body |
| _____ 5. poison | e. top layer of grass, containing grass and its roots |
| _____ 6. crops | f. plants grown on a farm, such as wheat, corn, or fruit |
| _____ 7. prairie | g. tiny, wingless, jumping insect that feeds on the blood of people and animals |
| _____ 8. flea | h. large area of grassland |
| _____ 9. tornado | i. dirt |
| _____ 10. hail | j. measure of land; one acre is equal to 43,560 square feet |