

# 4. Solving Tough Problems of Life

WORKSHEET

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## COMPREHENSION

Read the following passage and answer the questions below:

The solitary family of the Crocketts followed down the northwest banks of the Hawkins River for many a weary mile, until they came to a spot which struck their fancy as a suitable place to build their cabin. In subsequent years, a small village called Rogersville was gradually reared upon this spot, and the territory immediately around was organised into what is now known as Hawkins County. But then, for leagues in every direction, the solemn forest stood in all its grandeur. Here Mr Crockett, alone and unaided save by his wife and children, constructed a little shanty, which could have been but little more than a hunter's camp. He could not lift solid logs to build a substantial house. The hard-trodden ground was the only floor of the single room which he enclosed. It was roofed with bark of trees piled heavily on, which afforded quite effectual protection from the rain. A fire was built in one corner, and the smoke eddied through a hole left in the roof. The skins of bears, buffaloes and wolves provided couches, all sufficient for weary ones, who needed no artificial opiate to promote sleep. Such, in general, were the primitive homes of many of those bold emigrants who abandoned the comforts of civilised life for the solitudes of wilderness.

They just wanted what was called the necessities of life. The river and the forest furnished a great variety of fish and game. Their hut, humble as it was, effectually protected them from the deluging tempest and the inclement cold. The climate was genial in a high degree, and the soil, in its wonderful fertility, abundantly supplied them with corn and other simple vegetables. But the silence and solitude which reigned are represented, by those who experienced them, as at times something dreadful.

One principal motive, which led these people to cross the mountains, was the prospect of an ultimate fortune in the rise of land.

From: David Crockett - by John S. C. Abbott

**A** Answer the following questions.

1. What was the village and the county where the Crocketts settled subsequently called?

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2. Who constructed the hut?

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3. How was the roof of the house made?

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4. What were the beds made of?

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5. Where did their food come from?

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**B** Fill in the blanks with suitable words from the passage:

1. For \_\_\_\_\_ in every direction, the \_\_\_\_\_ forest stood in all its \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The smoke \_\_\_\_\_ through a hole in the roof.
3. Those bold \_\_\_\_\_ abandoned the \_\_\_\_\_ of civilised life for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The climate was \_\_\_\_\_ in a high degree.
5. Their principal \_\_\_\_\_ was the \_\_\_\_\_ of an ultimate fortune in the rise of land.

## GRAMMAR

**A** Fill in the blanks with appropriate pronouns from the Help Box.

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1. \_\_\_\_\_ is your favourite cricketer?
2. This book is \_\_\_\_\_, and that one is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Introduce \_\_\_\_\_ please.
4. The food which \_\_\_\_\_ like most is the curry, isn't \_\_\_\_\_?
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ took care of \_\_\_\_\_.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ loves his/her country.

**B** Identify the pronouns and mention their antecedents in the following sentences.

1. Sardar Bhagat Singh sacrificed his life for our country.
2. The person who treats patients is called a doctor.
3. The thing which I bought at the emporium is valuable.
4. The object through which we are unable to see is called an opaque object.
5. Rip Van Winkle avoided his ill-tempered wife.

## VOCABULARY AND WRITING

**A** Select the right word from the Help Box to complete the sentences below:

perennial   weekly   decade   fortnight   annual

1. We have a \_\_\_\_\_ test every Friday.
2. Holi celebrations are an \_\_\_\_\_ feature in our colony.
3. The banyan tree is a \_\_\_\_\_ plant.
4. Suniti and Meera have been classmates for a \_\_\_\_\_.
5. After a \_\_\_\_\_ we will have an elocution competition; you have two weeks to prepare.

**B** Give the antonyms of the following words:

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| 1. Deny   | _____ | 2. Miserable  | _____ |
| 3. Friend | _____ | 4. Particular | _____ |
| 5. Hope   | _____ | 6. Always     | _____ |

**C** Edit the following:

you have explained all but one thing cried the colonel where was the horse ah it had bolted and was cared for by one of your neighbours said holmes

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