

5. Solving Tough Problems of Life

Worksheet 1

COMPREHENSION

This 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 life 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 hole cut through the slender logs was the only window. 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 the wilderness.

They just wanted what are 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 time something dreadful.

One principle 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. Read the given passage and answer the following questions.

1. What was the village and county where the Crocketts settled subsequently called?
2. Who constructed the hut?
3. How was the roof of the house made?
4. What were their beds made of?
5. Where did their food come from?

B. Fill in the blanks with suitable words mentioned in 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.

Worksheet 2

GRAMMAR

A. Find the errors in the following sentences and correct them.

1. An apple are divided among three friends.
2. Where is you going?
3. Arvind and Sonu is playing cricket.
4. I collects the stamps.

B. Write 'I' for intransitive verbs or 'T' for transitive verbs for the following sentences.

1. They play football. _____
2. Boys dance. _____
3. He has written a letter. _____
4. Anil Kumble represented India in test cricket in the past. _____
5. Sonu Nigam sings very well. _____

C. Fill in the blanks with gerunds given in the Help Box.

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1. Will you teach me _____?
2. I enjoy _____ poetry.
3. The old man was tired of _____.
4. We were prevented from _____ the prisoner.
5. The _____ of the plan has begun.

Worksheet 3

VOCABULARY AND WRITING

A. Find out the meanings of the following pairs of words.

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| 1. (a) consequent | (b) subsequent |
| 2. (a) roof | (b) ceiling |
| 3. (a) sufficient | (b) ample |
| 4. (a) force | (b) enforce |
| 5. (a) literal | (b) lateral |

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 passage.

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