

The Midwife's Apprentice



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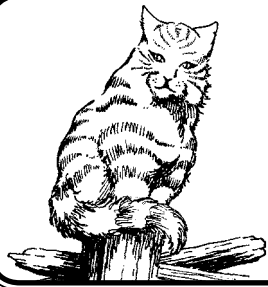
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At A Glance

Learning Expectations	Chapters 1 & 2	Chapters 3 & 4	Chapters 5 & 6	Chapters 7 & 8	Chapters 9 & 10	Chapters 11 & 12	Chapters 13 & 14	Chapters 15 & 16	Chapter 17	Word Study Activities	Grammar Activities
Reading Comprehension											
• Recalling events	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		
• Recalling details	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		
• Classifying story events		•									
• Summarize events and story details	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		
• Identify and describe story events	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		
Reasoning and Critical Thinking Skills											
• Character traits, comparisons	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		
• Making inferences	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		
• Develop opinions and personal interpretation	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		
Vocabulary Development, Grammar & Word Usage											
• Identify word meanings	•						•	•		•	
• Syllabication		•	•			•		•			
• Alphabetical order		•			•					•	
• Synonyms, antonyms, homophones		•	•		•		•			•	
• Singular and plural words				•							•
• Identify root words		•		•		•					
• Identify suffixes and prefixes				•		•	•	•			
• Identify comparative words					•						
• Identify parts of speech					•						•
• Identify compound words and their meanings					•		•				
• Write proper sentences						•				•	
• Identify types of sentences							•				
• Identify correct spelling of words									•		
• Singular/plural possessives											•
• Capitalization and punctuation											•



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Chapter One: The Dung Heap

A. Answer the questions with sentences.

1. Why did the girl crawl into a heap of manure?

2. How old did the girl think she was?

3. How did the girl survive with no home and family?

4. Why didn't she stay long in the same village?

5. Why did the cold keep her working?

6. What woke her one frosty morning?

7. What did the woman say when the girl asked for food?

8. How did the woman know the girl was smart?

9. What new nickname did she get now?

10. What kind of work did she do for the woman?



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Chapter One: The Dung Heap

11. What kind of work did the woman do?

12. What did the people of the village call the girl because she worked for the midwife?

B. Match the words in the word box to their meanings.

sties	stench	scavenge	fragrant	bailiff	midwife
wimple	reek	apprentice	scrawny	dung	tormented

- 1. a foul or bad odor; stink

- 2. searched about for food

- 3. places where pigs are kept

- 4. lean and bony looking

- 5. to give off a strong smell

- 6. manure; animal excrement

- 7. teased in a very unkind way

- 8. a cloth wrapped around the head and neck
with only the face showing

- 9. someone learning a skill or trade

- 10. a woman who delivers babies

- 11. a court officer who picks up prisoners

- 12. sweet smelling; pleasant odor



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Chapter Two: The Cat

A. Complete each sentence to explain why the event took place.

1. Beetle was afraid to go near the cat because _____

2. Beetle was never overfed because _____

3. Beetle buried the frozen baby mice because _____

4. Beetle avoided the boys because _____

5. The boys put the cat into a sack with an eel because _____

6. Beetle hid from the boys because _____

7. Beetle didn't stop the boys because _____

8. Beetle put the cat in the dung heap because _____

9. Beetle knew the cat survived because _____

10. Beetle had to work on Lady Day because _____

B. How many syllables do you hear in each word. Record the numbers on the lines provided.

1. bedeviled _____

5. torments _____

9. mist _____

2. scurrying _____

6. untangled _____

10. raggedy _____

3. slithered _____

7. movement _____

11. patch _____

4. soggy _____

8. scrawny _____

12. carefully _____