D is for Dandelion
Assignment 9



- ***Reading.*** Complete Lesson 9 of the *D is for Dandelion* handwriting book. The reading passages include "The Perplexity of Zadig" and "Abdallah the Unhappy." Answer questions on "The Perplexity of Zadig" (printed below).
- ***Handwriting.*** Complete Lesson 9 of the *D is for Dandelion* handwriting book.
- ***Poetics.*** Memorize stanza 1 of Alice May Douglas's "Who Loves the Trees the Best?" Miss Douglas is pictured on the right.
- ***Writing***. This week I want you to write #2 of Composition 1 of Lesson 9. It will be due this coming Friday. It could be with a gift that you were given, a friendship that was started, a place that you visited, a prayer that was answered, or any other person, event or thing that made you happy.
- ***Dictation.***

  Before giving the dictation, parents should review the following examples. This week, however, students will write only *sentences ending with a quotation*. Notice that when a sentence ends with a quotation, the comma comes *before* the beginning quotation marks and that the ending quotation marks come *after* the end mark. Students should understand that an apostrophe and the letter *s* are added to singular nouns to show possession, even if the word ends in an *s*. John's friend means "the friend of John."

  ENDING WITH A QUOTATION

  John's friend said, "I wouldn't do it."
  Tim's mom asked, "Why wouldn't you do it?"

  BEGINNING WITH A QUOTATION

  "I heard a loud cricket in your room," Sam's brother said.
  "What was that?" Bill asked.
  "Watch your step!" Jim shouted.

  INTERRUPTING A QUOTATION

  "If you want to have friends," his father said, "you first have to be a friend."

EXERCISE A

1. Tim's mom said, "Fetch the satchel in the kitchen."
2. She looked at her watch and said, "I need to catch a bus."
3. He described how his cat stretched after it seized a mouse.
4. Pam's dad said, "The chicks hatched in the garden patch."
5. The tribe's chief galloped away, holding the horse's reins.

EXERCISE B

1. The condemned man's mom cried as the sentence was read.
2. Tim's mom said, "Switch coats. The weather is changeable."
3. Is it his custom to eat a batch of cookies before bed?
4. She said, "Pursue the counsel and thank him for his service."
5. She struck the match and put her hand on the door's latch.

Long Term Assignment

Book Report. Your book report is due the second Friday of November.