

ANSWER KEY FOR LESSON 32 OF C IS FOR COTTAGE

READING SELECTIONS

Just a hundred years ago, handwritten letters sent through the mail were widely read. Today hardly anyone sends and reads old fashioned letters—unless they are short thank you notes or post cards. Before the 20th century, volumes of collected letters written by famous people were best-selling non-fiction works, savored as entertaining literature. In earlier days letters were not opened and casually discarded after the first reading, but rather kept to be read a second and third time, perhaps while sitting down on the sofa or enjoying a cup of tea. Reading a letter was a special entertaining event, much like going to the movies or reading a novel. Unlike today when emails cost writers a minute or two of their time to write and cost readers perhaps less to read, in earlier centuries letters were much more costly in time and effort and therefore were more highly valued.

As student will read in a later section, some of the earliest novels in English literature, called epistolary novels, were made up solely of letters. Considered by some to be the first English novel, Samuel Richardson's *Pamela* is just one example of an epistolary novel. Many of the great classic novels contain letters, such as Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*.

LETTERS BY CHARLES LAMB AND LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

Charles Lamb (1775–1834) was an English essayist of the Romantic Period, while Beethoven (1770–1827) was a German composer of the Romantic Period. After students have read the letters written by these men, teachers may ask the students general questions about letter writing. Have *they* ever written a handwritten letter? If they were to write a letter, to whom would they write it and what would they say? Why do people not write as many letters as in former days?

READING QUESTIONS A

1. a
2. a
3. b
4. b
5. c
6. b
7. c
8. c
9. a
10. b

READING QUESTIONS B

1. c
2. a
3. c
4. c
5. a

1. PHONICS AND VOCABULARY: UE

PHONICS EXERCISE A

1. a
2. c
3. a
4. b
5. c
6. c
7. c
8. b
9. b
- 10.a

PHONICS EXERCISE B

1. rescued
2. flue
3. due
4. hue
5. true
6. argue
7. issued
8. tissue
9. statue
- 10.revenue