

D is for Dandelion

Assignment 27

- **Poetry Memorization.** Memorize stanzas 1–3 of “Lines Written in Early Spring” by William Wordsworth.
- **Speech Night.** Continue working on your parts in the play or the poem that you will be reciting on speech night. Those reciting a poem should finish their introduction if they have not already.
- **Vocabulary, Spelling, and Phonics** Memorize the vocabulary, spelling and phonics of Lesson 27
- **Reading.** You will be reading “Curls in My Uncle’s Mustache” and “Lady Arbella” of Lesson 27 and answer questions on the first. Note that there is a misprint in the text of “Curls in My Uncle’s Mustache.” A couple of times in the story *Uncle Timmy* is printed, when it should read *Uncle Teddy*. Also, there is a mistake in the detail regarding when Teddy had his dream about his Uncle Teddy in the paragraph that begins “My strongest memory . . .” The sentence *I must have been six* should be omitted.
- **Handwriting.** Complete Lesson 26 of the *D is for Dandelion* handwriting book.
- **Writing.** There is no writing assignment this week!
- **Dictation.** In this lesson we will review the modifiers by underlining the adjectives once and the adverbs twice in the dictation sentences. Make sure the student understands the following
 - Adjectives modify, or give more information about, nouns and pronouns. They answer the questions *how many? what kind? which one? whose?*
 - Adverbs usually end in *ly*. They modify verbs, adjectives and other adverbs and answer the questions *how? when? where?*



After writing out the sentences, students should underline the single-word adjectives once and the single-word adverbs twice. Excluding the articles *a*, *an* and *the*, there is exactly *one* adjective and one adverb in each sentence.

EXAMPLE

- The swift runner was panting hard.
(The adjective *swift* tells *what kind* of runner it was and the adverb *hard* tells *how* the runner was panting.)

EXERCISE A

1. John gave a very long lecture on the features of Massachusetts furniture.
2. She doesn't like to drink extremely strong coffee.
3. He easily recognized the passengers in the red album.
4. Yesterday Sam went into the lush pasture to milk the cows.
5. The large suture was removed today.

EXERCISE B

1. Who else thinks that mustaches make men look very mature?
2. At this juncture, the adventure sounds too risky.
3. Tom once took a wild adventure to see the creatures of nature.
4. Did the government once outlaw harmful things like tobacco?
5. He quickly attached a picture to the short letter.

The Barber of Bagdad

Barber played by Mary Levenick

Calif played by Rocco Haselbarth

Donkey played by Ellie Shapren

Courtier played by Michael Levenick

Woodcutter played by John Malachowski

The Selfish Woman

Greedy Woman played by Julie Shapren

Poor Woman played by Caroline Lengkeek

Recitations

"The Stranger on the Sill" recited by Dominic Wargo

"Fire and Ice" recited by Declan Ireland

"Who Loves the Trees Best" recited by Elise Sheridan

"The Fountain" recited by Ellie Shapren

"Mr. Finney's Turnip" recited by Natalie Kelly

"I Remember" recited by Sviat Voznyi

Melvin of *Babysitting the Wilsons* played by Finn McGowan

"The First Day of Spring" recited by Abby Giannotti

"Lines Written in Early Spring" recited by Catherine Patton

- **Parts for speech night.**

Make sure that you know your part in the play or your poem *by heart*, as we will be doing a more formal rehearsal for the play on the Friday we come back from the Easter break. You will not be able to read off of your notes!

Reading Questions
Curls in My Uncle's Mustache

Name _____

1. What is the most likely reason that the mother laughs when the narrator of the story (Samuel), after seeing a picture of his Uncle Teddy, asks if he works for a circus?
 - a) She thinks Samuel's idea is ridiculous.
 - b) She is reminded of how funny her brother was.
 - c) She thinks it is funny that her son could tell so easily that he worked for a circus.
 - d) She is annoyed.

2. Why is Samuel relieved that his Aunt Janie is not coming to visit?
 - a) He does not like Aunt Janie.
 - b) He does not like the gifts that she brings.
 - c) Aunt Janie knows his Uncle Teddy.
 - d) She wears strange and out-of-date clothing.

3. When Samuel's mother says that Uncle Teddy is coming over for a visit, why is Samuel silent?
 - a) He is reacting to hearing his Uncle's name.
 - b) He knows he will have to give up his room to house Uncle Teddy.
 - c) He is relieved that Aunt Janie is not coming.
 - d) He is thinking about how pleasant it will be to meet someone who worked at a circus.

4. What does Samuel first remember about his Uncle Teddy?
 - a) his working at the circus
 - b) his sense of humor
 - c) the palm trees behind him in the picture
 - d) his black, curly mustache

5. Why does Samuel cry when he sees his Uncle Teddy for the first time?
 - a) Uncle Teddy looks more like his Uncle John.
 - b) Uncle Teddy is wearing a blue suit, which he does not like.
 - c) Uncle Teddy does not look like the way he appeared in the picture and in his imagination.
 - d) He knows he will have to give up his room for his Uncle Teddy.

6. What is the BEST word describe the mother's reaction when Samuel asks why his Uncle Teddy is not wearing a mustache?
 - a) annoyance
 - b) satisfaction
 - c) bewilderment
 - d) joy

7. Which of the following BEST describes the mustache in Uncle John's picture that Samuel saw when he was younger?
 - a) a prop for the circus
 - b) facial hair that he later shaved off
 - c) part of a costume
 - d) a pirate's way of dressing

8. What is the most likely reason that the story mentions that Uncle Teddy's teeth are straight and white?
 - a) It shows that he has just been to the dentist.
 - b) It contrasts with how Samuel may have imagined his Uncle would look like (like a pirate).
 - c) It is drawing up a picture of a man who does not look scary.
 - d) It shows that Uncle John likes to smile.

9. Who is *Long John Silver*?
 - a) the name of the pirate in Samuel's dream
 - b) what the Samuel's grandmother wanted to name Uncle Teddy
 - c) Uncle Teddy's real name
 - d) a character in a book

10. Why does Uncle Teddy say "Ar, ar" at the end of the story?
 - a) He remembers the days when he wore a pirate's mustache.
 - b) He is pretending to be a character in a book.
 - c) Samuel told him his dream about a pirate that said "Ar, ar."
 - d) He is trying to scare Teddy.