

ANSWER KEY FOR LESSON 1

C IS FOR COTTAGE

READING QUESTIONS A

1. Why does the one man want another job?

The one young man wants a new job closer to the city so that he would not have to take the train. A new job might also pay more so that he could afford a better way of life. Essentially, then, the young man is not content with his life as it is. Parents may point out that it is not wrong to have ambitions for a better life, but that it is also important for us to be able to be content with whatever situation we find ourselves in.

2. Why does John want a new bike?

John wants a new bike for the same reasons that the man wants a new job—he is not content. Although he was happy with the one that his father gave him, he was made discontent by seeing his friend's new one. Parents may bring up the psychological truth that when we see what other people do not have, we become jealous and discontent. Parents would do well to understand that children who are showered with late night parties, expensive toys and vacation trips to exotic places often grow up jaded, as there remain a few privileges, special gifts, and places to go that are new and exciting to them. There is a reason that the word “ennui” is often associated with the privileged class.

3. Does the mother think that new bicycles are better than old ones?

The mother does not say that she believes the friend's bike is better, but instead points out the fact that John only thinks it is better because it is new.

4. Why is John's baby sister so happy?

John's sister is happy because, as the mother said, “she just is.” The conclusion of the short passage teaches us that learning how to be content with what we have in life is so important. It also teaches us the value of simple pleasures, such as personal contact with those we love.

READING QUESTIONS B

1. a
2. d
3. b
4. b
5. a

POETICS EXERCISE A

1. cottage one two three
2. on one two three
3. the one two three

4. palace one two three
5. happier one two three
6. little one two three
7. if one two three
8. singing one two three
9. in one two three
10. gathering one two three

POETICS EXERCISE B

1. Dancing on the hilltops 3 4 5 6 7
2. Singing in the valleys 3 4 5 6 7
3. Laughing with the echoes 3 4 5 6 7
4. Merry little Alice 3 4 5 6 7

PHONICS EXERCISE A

1. enough
2. tough
3. laugh
4. rough
5. cough
6. trough
7. draught
8. laughter
9. enough
10. laughed

Before students begin Exercise B, teachers should point out that there are English words in which the *gh* sound completely disappeared in pronunciation, such as *although*.

PHONICS EXERCISE B

1. tough
2. enough
3. rough
4. laugh
5. cough

GRAMMAR EXERCISE A

1. We own two poodles.
2. Will Emmett come?

3. Did Ned see Fred at the store?
4. Watch out for that broken glass!
5. I don't know his name.
6. That thunder was loud!
7. Are Sarah and Emma coming to our birthday party?
8. After two weeks of rain, the sun is out.
9. Be quick or you'll miss the concert!
10. Have you heard the news about Sam?

GRAMMAR EXERCISE B

1. Look at that beautiful bird!
2. Sam did not need help with planting the tree.
3. Have you heard that Jimmy lost his first tooth?
4. The tiger was pacing in its cage.
5. What a wonderful story that is!
6. That was an interesting play.
7. Is Laurie's grandmother coming to the party?
8. He did not like the book.
9. Run after him!
10. I thought that John was sitting in the living room.