

ANSWER KEY TO LESSON 18 OF C IS FOR COTTAGE

THE BOY AND THE ROBBERS

Parents may ask students what a coward is. Students may give synonyms such as *afraid*, *fearful*, or *not brave*. Parents may then ask what do cowards *do* to make them *cowards*? In the fictional story that they are about to read, a twelve-year-old boy named Otanes (O TAN eez) refuses to tell a lie because “none but cowards tell lies.” What other things do cowards do? They cheat on tests because they think that the teacher will think poorly of them. They tell stories about themselves that are not completely true because they are afraid that people will not think well of them. They hide things from other people because they are ashamed. After reading the story, parents may encourage their children to tell the truth even though it may cost them a friendship, a good reputation, or a good score on a test.

READING EXERCISE A

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

THE STORY OF CINCINNATUS

READING EXERCISE B

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

WRITING EXERCISE: EXAMPLE

Among other things, this exercise gives students practice in telling stories in their own words. Teachers should look at the level of detail in their re-telling. Students should not only include the right amount of detail, but also include only *relevant* detail. Below is an example.

Many people do things out of greed or the need to be praised by others. This was not true of the hero of ancient Rome, Cincinnatus. Cincinnatus was called from his farm to help

the Roman people defend themselves from wild mountain men who were marching toward the city. The Roman farmer left his plow and took on his role as commander of the people. He told his fellow Romans what to do, armed the guards and boys with weapons, and went out to fight their enemies. The wild mountain men, though they were fierce, were defeated, and Cincinnatus was celebrated as a hero. Although the brave Roman could have stayed in his position of power, he nobly gave it up after ruling only sixteen days, and returned to his little farm.

1. PHONICS AND VOCABULARY: UR

PHONICS EXERCISE A

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

PHONICS EXERCISE B

1. Saturday
2. church
3. surprised
4. urn
5. during

2. GRAMMAR AND PUNCTUATION: VERBS (2)

GRAMMAR EXERCISE A

1. tries
2. dries
3. obeys
4. buys
5. denies
6. plays
7. cries
8. fries
9. says

10.buys (I realize that this word is repeated and will make a correction in my next edition.)

GRAMMAR EXERCISE B

1. destroys

2. bays

3. tarries

4. prays

5. fries (I realize that this word is repeated and will make a correction in my next edition.)

6. brays

7. annoys

8. volleys

9. pries

10.journeys