

**Reading 3A**  
*Once upon an Open Book*  
**Special Deeds**  
(Lessons 26–49)

**Vocabulary—Context Sentences**

## The Spelling Window

### Lesson 26

1. Our state capitol building has a copper dome.
2. Washington is the capital of the United States.
3. Our class sent two representatives to the school's spelling bee.
4. Ben stared at his reflection in the still water of the pond.
5. I brought home a big shell as a souvenir of the beach.

## The Spelling Window

### Lesson 27

1. Alan rode the elevator to the fifth floor.
2. We must hustle to be ready on time.
3. All the lights on the control panel turned red.
4. The road goes through a tunnel under the river.

1. I wrote a long letter to my friend to communicate my thought.
2. Tom's boots were completely covered in mud.
3. These new devices will help the deaf hear better.
4. The large machines have many gears inside them.
5. It took much patience to wait to open the gift.

## Alex, the Drummer Boy

### Lesson 30

1. He imagined how it would feel to fire a musket.
2. He hoped to join the rebels and fight the British.
3. He showed the man mercy and carried him to the doctor.
4. He put down his gun and surrendered to the enemy.

1. My arms began to ache from beating the drum.
2. They came slowly over the rough and stony ground.
3. We listened for the general's signal to fire.
4. The value of this victory was great.

1. The soldiers were divided into two groups or companies.
2. One soldier was afraid, but the other had confidence.
3. He guarded the prisoners each night.
4. It was hard to ignore their cries and shouts.
5. The captain introduced the general to his men.

## Alex, the Drummer Boy

### Lesson 33

1. The soldier was wounded by a musket ball.
2. He wasn't certain that he could walk.
3. A general galloped by on his horse.
4. After his knee was bandaged, he could walk.

1. Dad paid me my allowance for the week.
2. I had to change into work clothes after school.
3. I cleaned the garage so Dad could park the car in it.
4. My friends were patient as they waited for me to finish.

1. From the look on her face, you could tell that Sally was disgusted with her drawing.
2. She quickly went to the shelf and hastily found a new sheet of paper.
3. Sally hesitated as she thought of a new idea.
4. Sally bent over her drawing, intent on doing her best.

1. Will I be able to afford to buy a soccer ball?
2. David was awakened from his nap by a loud noise.
3. He jumped out of bed and charged down the stairs.
4. His sister dropped the party decorations on the floor.
5. David was delighted to see the balloons and streamers.

1. Grandma calls hot chocolate cocoa.
2. That medicine tastes terrible, but it helps my throat.
3. I have to tidy up my shelves before my mother can dust.

Pecos Bill  
Lesson 40

1. The cowboy's body ached after herding cows all day.
2. The rancher drawled, "There seems to be a storm coming."
3. The sound of thunder echoed across the valley.
4. The cowboy searched the range for the lost calf.
5. It can be terrifying when lightning hits close to your house.

1. A cowboy can catch any cow or horse with a lariat.
2. The boys watched in amazement as the cowboy roped a wild horse.
3. A cowboy might see a strange creature living in the desert.
4. The cowboy threw his rope and lassoed a young bull.
5. The cowboy hoped to rope a wild mustang.

1. Please continue to tidy the kitchen while I'm gone.
2. I am determined to make this room sparkle and shine.
3. Wash the breakfast dishes after you finish the porridge in your bowl.
4. Mother is meeting the ladies from the missionary society for lunch.
5. At the end of the day, we wearily climb the steps to our bedroom.

1. The man cleaned the barrels of his gun after shooting the bear.
2. Many natives were fascinated by the strange weapon.
3. The nationals taught the missionary how to build a hut.
4. A missionary wanted to preserve the Word of God in the natives' language.
5. The natives' language sounds unusual to us.

1. Sailors were deserting their ship as it sank beneath the waves.
2. The hard, black wood of the ebony tree is used to make the black keys of the piano.
3. A box of medicine was needed at the mission hospital.
4. The navigator looked at his maps and chose a path.
5. Early explorers were afraid of being attacked by savages and wild animals.

## Esther, the Queen

### Lesson 46

1. We read the announcements for lost pets in the newspaper.
2. He recorded all that happened during the kings' reigns in the chronicles.
3. The queen's apparel was made of fine silks and jewels.
4. Come home immediately after school today.
5. The detective will have to investigate the robbery.

Esther, the Queen  
Lesson 47

1. The widow was mourning the death of her husband.
2. You must get permission from your parents to go on the trip.
3. Many people will perish if the plane crashes.
4. The boy painted a wooden staff to look like the king's royal scepter.
5. We needed the guidance of the ranger as we hiked through the woods.

1. You must approach the horse slowly so he won't run away.
2. It caused great distress to think about the lost puppy.
3. The thief was hanged on the wooden gallows.
4. Tom received an invitation for a birthday party.
5. We crossed the creek where it narrowed by the tree.

## Esther, the Queen

### Lesson 49

1. The day I accepted Christ was a glorious one.
2. We were amazed and astonished when our team won.
3. It is urgent for the fireman to get to the fire quickly.