Reading 3B

Not So Very Long Ago
Creatures Great and Small
(Lessons 124–47)
Vocabulary—Context Sentences
1. The couple **announced** to the family that they were expecting a baby.

2. A thief **deserves** to be put in jail.

3. The lost child was searching for a **familiar** face.

4. The **bark-laden** mulch truck had just returned from the woods.

5. The **mosquito** was not affected by my insect repellent.
1. We waited with anticipation for Dad’s permission to open our Christmas gifts.

2. The chef contributed many recipes to the annual cookbook.

3. Most people consider lobster a delicacy.

4. The gondola swayed back and forth as the balloon lifted into the air.

5. The texture of the wool sweater was scratchy.
1. She took the cookies from the oven cautiously to keep from getting burned.

2. Strong river currents can sweep away large logs.

3. There were tiny water droplets on the roses this morning.

4. It is forbidden for Christians to worship idols.

5. The wind’s updraft carried my balloon high into the air.
1. The athlete won a **bronze** medal in figure skating.

2. The **cumulus** clouds looked like cotton in the sky.

3. Do you like the smell of pine that comes from the **hemlocks**?

4. I could hear the **thrum** of guitar strings coming from the music room.

5. The plane **vanished** from sight in the thick clouds.
1. The **clamoring** of the birds in their cage awoke everyone in the house.

2. Everyone had **mounds** of potatoes on his plate.

3. My little sister **shadowed** my every movement today.

4. The baby’s **snuffling** sounds made the mother suspect a cold.

5. The **wheezing** sound told the farmer the machine was broken.
1. Drops of water fell from the icicles as they began to melt.

2. My mother hung my drawing on the refrigerator with a magnet.

3. The bird was swooping down to eat the worm.

4. I was wondering whether to order pizza or a hamburger.
1. The enemies held the **captive**s until the end of the war.

2. The king made a **decre**e that everyone must bow down as he passed.

3. Her terrible headaches often **interfere** with her schoolwork.

4. She **peered** through a crack in the door to make sure the baby was asleep.

5. The king’s **subjects** bowed in respect as he walked by.
1. The Mexicans made their adobe houses with clay and straw.

2. The ewe hovered over her lamb to protect it from the rain.

3. Tourists come from all over the world to see the Statue of Liberty.

4. Mom said that eating green vegetables will help keep me healthy.
1. The boy is beginning to speak with an accent.

2. The caretaker will make certain that all the animals get fed.

3. The coach let us use some equipment to play hockey.

4. My mom exchanged the blouse we bought her for a smaller size.

5. The sunset on the horizon is a beautiful display of God’s creation.
1. Brushing your teeth after every meal is a good habit.

2. The baby woke up and whimpered.
1. I looked at the newspaper briefly before doing my work this morning.

2. Paul and Silas were persecuted for their faith in God.

3. My grandpa lives in a rustic cabin in the wilderness.

4. Plant stalks are sometimes used to build thatched roofs.

5. The villain in the story was caught and punished for his evil deeds.
1. The spider’s abdomen was swollen with eggs.

2. The spider pulled sticky silk out of its spinneret.

3. The mouse scurries into its hole for safety.

4. There are many diseases for which scientists are trying to find a cure.

5. Vibrations were felt throughout the city from the earthquake.
1. The queen was bedecked with jewels.

2. The pig lay down and wallowed in the mud, grunting and kicking.
1. My math problems became more complicated every day.

2. The special device he used for his ear helped him get his hearing back.

3. The toxic chemicals accidentally dumped into the ocean killed many marine animals.

4. When the clown walked into the classroom, we knew this would be no ordinary day.

5. The spectators cheered when the home team scored.
1. The falling trash cans made quite a commotion outside our window.

2. The chocolate cake my mother made for dessert was delectable.

3. When Dad frowns, little furrows form between his eyebrows.

4. Keeping your lips tight together is one way of stifling a yawn.

5. Selling frogs to earn money is an unusual business venture.
1. Businesses **advertise** their products on billboards.

2. Jason’s giggles **erupted** into laughter when the clown tripped over his shoe.

3. I **wound** the string around a stick to help me hold my kite.

4. The teacher knew Mr. Jones, but he was a **stranger** to her students.
1. During our **conversation**, we talked about many different things.

2. On the back of our uniforms is the name of the **sponsor** who bought them for us.

3. You cannot do much **whistling** if you have crackers in your mouth.
1. The **burly** man had no trouble lifting the heavy boxes.

2. The **murky** water made it hard to see any fish.

3. The boy laughed at his **reflection** in the side of the silver bowl.

4. A bulldog is short and **stout**.

5. The **surface** of a desk must be smooth for writing.
1. You can do anything you ought to do.

2. I thought I saw my cousin in the crowd, but I was mistaken.

3. The little girl and the nanny who cares for her are walking in the park.
1. She gingerly wrapped the expensive crystal vase in soft paper.

2. His impulsive behavior always got him into trouble.

3. The sudden lunge she took into the water scared away all the fish.

4. He managed to get all his work done, even though he wasn’t feeling well.

5. She triumphantly reached the finish line and won first place.
1. The hungry dog was desperately looking for something to eat.

2. The kittens mewed continually until they were fed.

3. The boy with a broken leg looked miserably out the window at his friends playing ball.

4. I always listen for the pealing of church bells on Sunday morning.

5. Our Sunday school class has a regular attendance of thirty children each week.