Reading 4B

I Met You in a Story
Creatures
(Lessons 72–96)
Vocabulary—Context Sentences
1. Be careful with the baby—she is very **delicate**.
1. I call my younger brother a little urchin, because he is always causing trouble.

2. Jill exaggerated when she said she caught a huge fish, because it was only two inches long.

3. The church’s spires looked like four tall triangles coming up from the roof.

4. My mom was brandishing the broom at the mouse so that it would leave the house.

5. I am no longer a pauper, because I have money for food and clothes.
1. The ship returned to the **port**, loaded with goods to be sold.

2. The trip to Africa and back was the longest **passage** they had made.

3. She could not afford a coat with her **meager** amount of money.

4. As the boy walked home in the dark, the shadows that **loomed** over his path scared him.
1. The fancy pillow feels **velvety**, because it is soft and smooth.

2. The dog used his **snout** to reach the bottom of the bucket and lick up the gravy.

3. A duck’s mouth and nose are parts of its **bill**.

4. Since my shirts are both white, I can wear them **interchangeably** with my blue sweater.
1. The **finality** in my teacher’s voice told me that her decision would not change.

2. The awful flood was the worst **calamity** the town ever had.

3. Loud banging noises caused the neighbor to complain about the **racket**.

4. The once-clean pig began **wallowing** in the mud.
1. She showed her thankfulness by sending a note of gratitude.

2. Because of zoning codes, a farm animal could not live in an area not intended for farms.
1. I saw a rabbit run back to the safety of its warren.

2. The applause at the end of the concert was thunderous.

3. The brisk breeze blew his hat off.
1. It was easy to see the albino squirrel because of its white fur.

2. The little white squirrel was the cutest kit of all the newborns.

3. The scare put her in such a stupor that she could not move or talk.

4. Wanting to color the whole paper, she began daubing paint all over it.

5. After finding out that his dog had died, he walked home forlornly.
1. The handwritten story is called a manuscript.

2. The tiny animal figures were of miniature size.

3. His bad decision was followed by a terrible consequence.

4. To continue the first story, the author wrote another book, or a sequel, about the same characters.

5. The child clutched his favorite toy close to his body so that he would not drop it.
1. The dog ran in circles until his feet became *entangled* in the leash.
1. He scooped up a lot of dirt from the stream as he was panning for gold.

2. To sell his horse, he advertised it in the newspaper.

3. He has to wear a belt when he borrows his big brother’s britches.

4. Instead of a letter, we sent a telegraph about the exciting news.
1. Holding a treat in front of her dog, she was coaxing him into the cage.

2. His dad told him to sit still, because he was fidgeting in his seat.

3. Very excited about starting the race, she said she was raring to go.

4. Only a surefooted person would not fall on the steep, rocky hill.

5. She wrapped a bandage around his arm to keep the wound clean.
1. After his friends went home, he was the **solitary** person left at the park.

2. Not wanting to pet the huge dog, she **anxiously** stood still.

3. The mountainside is full of trees, mostly **aspens**.

4. The rocky path caused the runner to **falter**, and another runner passed him.
1. The **shaft** of an arrow is narrow and straight.

2. This whip has one long leather **whiplash**.

3. I felt a **transport** of happiness when my grandparents arrived.

4. Our friendly church is known for its **cordiality**.

5. I was **attended** by two friends at the concert.
1. Looking like little valleys in the field, the furrows were plowed and ready for seeds.

2. While digging in the back yard, the dog unearthed an old shoe.

3. We prayed for rain to end the drought.

4. The little farms were bought and made into a corporate farm.

5. Every time I see something that scares me, my stomach feels queasy.
1. The horses drink water from a **trough** that looks like a bathtub.

2. Looking closely at the **burr**, I saw it was a seed with needle-like spikes that can stick to almost anything.

3. I brushed my hair because it had been **tousled** in the wind.

4. The toy was **demolished** when the car ran over it.
1. Mother endures all the dog hair on the carpet because she loves our new puppy.
1. The barn is inhabited by horses, cows, and a few mice.

2. My thoroughbred dog is a cocker spaniel.

3. He felt humiliated because his friends laughed when he fell off the pony.

4. Not having to hurry home, she sauntered along the sidewalk.

5. She knew the horse was mean, but she was plucky and not afraid of riding him.
1. The dog twisted into many **contortions** to get through the small hole in the fence.

2. As the animal got closer, I could see that it was not a wolf but a **coyote**.

3. They could not hear or see their mom through the **ruckus** of the crowd.

4. As big and strong as he was, even that **burly** man could not lift the huge stone.

5. Laughing **commenced** after Dad told the joke.