Reading 4

*I Met You in a Story*

Encounters

(Lessons 23–49)

Vocabulary—Context Sentences
1. They hoisted the flag to the top of the pole.

2. The bear clumsily lumbered toward the cabin.

3. The worn fur on the bear’s mangy back stood straight up.

4. The brown bears, also called bruins, use their claws as weapons.

5. The two boys began to tussle until one of them was hurt.
1. The mountain erupted, spewing ash and lava.

2. The soldiers fired their guns when they encountered the enemy.

3. Like a cat, the puma snarled and leaped from its perch on the rock.
1. The old, worn dress was still good, clean, and decent.

2. A sigh of frustration let his boss know he could not finish the job.

3. The makeshift meals were a poor substitute for Mom’s cooking.

4. Her lips shook in a quivery smile.
1. The earthquake brought havoc to the city.

2. The police were haling the troublemakers out of the ballpark.

3. Jews meet at synagogues to worship God.
1. The boys’ argument over who owned the ball was a conflict that could not be solved.

2. Her constant anger caused her to have years of bitterness.

3. His gloomy attitude gave him a bleak outlook on life.

4. They worked long and hard on the farm and their toil paid off.
1. The **stoop** of the house is a nice place to sit and watch the sunset.

2. Her adventure story was a funny **yarn** to tell and to hear.

3. I have never seen anything more tired looking than his **drawn** face.

4. Assuming the party was unimportant, he **reckoned** it did not matter whether he went.

5. A welcome party was arranged as a **reception** for their guest’s arrival.
1. The children had to **bustle** along in order to reach school on time.

2. Peter was so upset that he **stammered** the words as he told the story.

3. He decided to **swap** his toy car for his brother’s giant cookie.

4. No matter how hard I pulled on the cow’s rope, the **balk** would not move.
1. She is a jolly person who is always smiling and laughing.

2. The coach looked on wretchedly as his team was losing.

3. That plank of wood is just the size we need.

4. The dog sat down on his haunches and refused to move.

5. She was grieved for a long time that her pet had run away.
1. That flowering bush in the front yard looks like a rhododendron.

2. Tyler walked dolefully along with his head hung low and tears in his eyes.

3. He was tolling the rabbit into the cage with a carrot.

4. Tea can be made from the roots of a sassafras tree.

5. The farmer’s field is not full of hay; it is sorghum.
1. Reading the story of Jesus’ birth is a Christmas tradition at our house.

2. Four cans of soup and two winter coats were our contributions for the poor families.

3. It was easy to march slow and then fast to the rhythmic song.
1. His good batting and running made him **eligible** for the baseball team.

2. He **hesitated** for a moment before going inside.

3. With heavy feet, he **trudged** off to his room.
1. The alarm in our house is a **safeguard** against robbers.

2. The splattered paint dappled the carpet.

3. He had a lot of **nerve** to do such a dangerous stunt.

4. They knew the tearful boy was truly **contrite** about his sin.

5. The father’s hug showed he did not **despise** his disobedient son.
1. She did not like the **layout** of the room, so I moved things around again.

2. Without a word of complaint, the boy **meekly** obeyed his mother.

3. After seeing the huge box Mom wrapped, my **prospects** for getting a bike seemed great.
1. Having a lot of homework is my **loophole** for getting out of doing extra chores.

2. John is a **responsible** boy because he is always on time and learns his lines.

3. Debbie’s great acting during her **audition** got her the best part in the play.

4. I **lunged** forward to catch the falling book.

5. The **doublet** fit the young boy like his dad’s suit jacket.
1. During **intermission**, everyone can stand and stretch before the play starts again.

2. The big, heavy costume was too **cumbersome** to move in.

3. A play that has an unhappy ending is called a **tragedy**.
1. John wanted to be a **playwright**, so he practiced writing plays.

2. When I saw the beautiful sunset, I was **inspired** to write a poem about it.

3. A **guild** chapel is a meeting place for people with similar jobs.

4. The business **prospered** and grew because of the owner’s wise handling of his money.
1. Dad and I went to the **theater** to see the play.

2. The judge’s **chamber** is a room behind the courtroom.

3. The **audience** clapped loudly as Sarah finished her performance.

4. At the concert, four **tiers** of balconies were filled with people.

5. Large, painted pictures of **scenery** were used to create a garden for the play.
1. The king asked his yeoman to bring him his royal robe.

2. When the queen saw the servant napping, her opinion was confirmed that he was lazy.

3. My grandmother says the columns on our front porch make it look like a portico.

4. The steep, rocky cliff was a treacherous place to climb.
1. The surrounded castle was under siege by the attackers.

2. A group of men was sent as a delegation to stop the battle.

3. The king asked the old philosophers, who were his wisest men, to think of a plan.
1. Sturdy straps, or **martingales**, prevented the horse from throwing back its head.

2. The knights carefully put the swords back into their **scabbards**.

3. They looked at the magnificent animal in **awe**, amazed by its size and beauty.

4. He **clambered** up the steep hill.