Reading 4

*I Met You in a Story*  
Exploits  
(Lessons 1–22)  
Vocabulary—Context Sentences
1. Because Anna had kept thinking about the circus, she had not concentrated on her work.

2. If a dog’s mother is a different breed from its father, the dog is a mongrel.

3. The great expanse of land was enough to build two houses on.

4. Animals that have the disease of rabies are very dangerous.
1. The items needed to bake the cake were in the pantry.

2. The trees along the dark and lonely path loomed over him.
1. The driver must **engage** the clutch to make the truck start.

2. In science class, we studied **centrifugal** force in which objects seem to move away from the center of their circular path.

3. The **reckless** driver skidded around the corner and collided with a tree.
1. Since it was raining outside, he put his **slicker** on to keep his clothes dry.

2. Ray tied up the boat and stepped onto the **landing**.
1. The **mooring** lines kept the boat from floating downstream.

2. The **current** was so strong it swept their little raft down the river.

3. The four lanes of traffic moved to one lane, creating a **bottleneck**.

4. The **debris** of the bombed city lay everywhere.

5. While swimming underwater, my body was completely **submerged**.
1. They swam out to the **sandbar** and rested upon it before they swam back.

2. Using the **tiller**, he steered the boat away from the rocks.

3. Although the **rudder** is very small, it turns the largest ships.

4. They were able to **salvage** most of their things after the tornado.
1. The bucket and the spoon are symbols for the drinking fountain and the picnic areas on the park map.
1. Because of our lack of practice, our victory astounded the coach.

2. The king sat on his throne holding his royal scepter.

3. Lost in the wilderness, the puppy had to fend for himself.

4. After studying all night long, Trent’s eyes looked red and bleary.
1. The carpenter’s son had *wielded* a hammer since he was ten years old.

2. After cutting the stalks of wheat, he gathered and tied them into *shocks* to dry.
1. Dr. Lewis received money in the form of a grant to continue research of a fatal disease.

2. She went to the barn to groom her horse before the state competition.

3. Baby llamas are called crias.

4. A yearling animal is one year old.

5. Jake slipped the halter over the horse’s head so it could be led to the pasture.

6. He lifted his chin indignantly after being falsely accused of cheating.
1. We drove on the **causeway** over China Lake.

2. The veterinarian placed straps around the dogs’ **muzzles** so they could not bite.

3. Karen bought a bag of black **licorice** at the candy store.

4. The **pungent** odor of the onion made him wrinkle his nose.
1. The dog is named Spot for the irregular **splotches** of color on his coat.

2. The hungry cows were led to the field of grass to **graze**.

3. Several goats began to **browse** on the leaves of the young plants.

4. The **domesticated** llamas seem content to live with and be used by people.
1. The lowering sky was a warning of the approaching thunderstorm.

2. The dogsled trail over the snow turned out to be the longest mush ever!

3. As Steve traveled over the tundra, he noticed that there were no trees and that the ground was permanently frozen.

4. The light brown, tawny-colored dog appeared to be the meanest.

5. He decided not to venture onto the thin ice for fear of falling into the lake.
1. Standing at the edge of the **bluffs**, he could look down on the tops of the trees.

2. The husky’s **massive** head went well with his giant body.

3. Without thinking, he **instinctively** pulled the little girl out of the freezing lake.

4. An early settler of northwest Canada is called a **sourdough**.

5. His **contempt** toward his brother was evident in his disrespectful attitude.
1. She told her friends he was the **brawniest** man in town because he was so strong and muscular.

2. The engagement was a **whirlwind**, lasting only five days!

3. He flattered the girl during their **courtship** so that she would marry him.

4. Women used to use a **bustle**, or frame, to shape the back of a dress.

5. The horse was tied to the fence with a **lariat**.
1. His attempt to save the girl was a great **feat** of bravery.

2. Two basic parts or **elements** of a story are the setting and the plot.

3. The meeting of Pecos Bill and Slewfoot Sue was an unexpected **encounter**.

4. The tall tale was very funny because it had a big **dose** of humor.

5. Cowboys exaggerated stories by **spinning** humorous tales about their heroes.
1. Everyone in the room could hear the man’s **boisterous** laugh.

2. A **security** alarm sounded when the thief broke into the bank.

3. Ashley’s top **priority** after school each day was to do her homework.

4. In solving the mystery, Steven used clues to find the **information leak**.

5. He could not understand the **unintelligible** voices.