

Reading Skills and Strategies Worksheet
Where the Red Fern Grows

Chapters VII–X

Chapters VII–X: Sequencing Events

Billy’s problem in this section of the novel is clearly stated in the first paragraph of Chapter VII. It is resolved by the end of Chapter IX.

Complete the following sentences to show the sequence of events.

1. Billy needs to train his dogs.
His grandfather suggests
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2. The result of this plan is
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3. Billy and his father agree that
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4. When hunting season opens, Billy and his dogs
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5. When the dogs....., Billy decides
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6. Grandpa’s plan to keep the raccoon treed is
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7. After days of hard work, the problem is finally solved when
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VOCABULARY DEVELOPMENT: USING CONTEXT CLUES

Identify the context clues in the sentences that follow that help you guess at the meaning of the underlined vocabulary word.

1. Old Dan was as belligerent (p. 94) as a bully looking for a fight.
2. Just as the sky was full of stars, the woods abounded (p. 98) with game.
3. Treeing a raccoon is a feat (p. 99) as difficult as pitching a perfect game.

PREDICTING WHAT'S NEXT

What do you think will happen next?