# Learning Expectations

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## Reading Comprehension
- Recalling events
- Recalling details
- Classifying story events
- Summarize events and story details
- Identify and describe story events

## Reasoning and Critical Thinking Skills
- Character traits, comparisons
- Making inferences
- Develop opinions and personal interpretation

## Vocabulary Development, Grammar & Word Usage
- Identify word meanings
- Syllabication
- Alphabetical order
- Synonyms, antonyms, homophones
- Singular and plural words
- Identify root words
- Identify suffixes and prefixes
- Identify comparative words
- Identify parts of speech
- Identify compound words and their meanings
- Write proper sentences
- Identify types of sentences
- Identify correct spelling of words
- Singular/plural possessives
- Capitalization and punctuation
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Chapter One: The Dung Heap

A. Answer the questions with sentences.

1. Why did the girl crawl into a heap of manure?

_________________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________

2. How old did the girl think she was?

_________________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________

3. How did the girl survive with no home and family?

_________________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________

4. Why didn’t she stay long in the same village?

_________________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________

5. Why did the cold keep her working?

_________________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________

6. What woke her one frosty morning?

_________________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________

7. What did the woman say when the girl asked for food?

_________________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________

8. How did the woman know the girl was smart?

_________________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________

9. What new nickname did she get now?

_________________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________

10. What kind of work did she do for the woman?

_________________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________
Chapter One: The Dung Heap

11. What kind of work did the woman do?

_________________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________

12. What did the people of the village call the girl because she worked for the midwife?

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B. Match the words in the word box to their meanings.

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1. a foul or bad odor; stink
2. searched about for food
3. places where pigs are kept
4. lean and bony looking
5. to give off a strong smell
6. manure; animal excrement
7. teased in a very unkind way
8. a cloth wrapped around the head and neck with only the face showing
9. someone learning a skill or trade
10. a woman who delivers babies
11. a court officer who picks up prisoners
12. sweet smelling; pleasant odor
The Midwife’s Apprentice

Chapter Two: The Cat

A. Complete each sentence to explain why the event took place.

1. Beetle was afraid to go near the cat because ____________________________________  
   _______________________________________________________________________

2. Beetle was never overfed because ____________________________________________  
   _______________________________________________________________________

3. Beetle buried the frozen baby mice because ____________________________________  
   _______________________________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________

4. Beetle avoided the boys because _____________________________________________  
   _______________________________________________________________________

5. The boys put the cat into a sack with an eel because ____________________________  
   _______________________________________________________________________

6. Beetle hid from the boys because _____________________________________________  
   _______________________________________________________________________

7. Beetle didn’t stop the boys because ___________________________________________  
   _______________________________________________________________________

8. Beetle put the cat in the dung heap because ____________________________________  
   _______________________________________________________________________

9. Beetle knew the cat survived because _________________________________________  
   _______________________________________________________________________

10. Beetle had to work on Lady Day because _______________________________________  
    _______________________________________________________________________

B. How many syllables do you hear in each word. Record the numbers on the lines provided.

1. bedeviled ____ 5. torments ____ 9. mist ____
2. scurrying ____ 6. untangled ____ 10. raggedy ____
3. slithered ____ 7. movement ____ 11. patch ____
4. soggy ____ 8. scrawny ____ 12. carefully ____