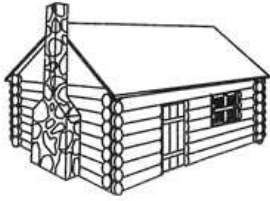


Vocabulary



Find the word in its context. Reread the sentences before and after the word. Do you understand the meaning of the word? Now, look up the word in the dictionary and write a clear, simple definition, and use it in a sentence.

1. temporary - (pg. 3) _____

2. salvage - (pg. 20) _____

3. incomprehensible - (pg. 46) _____

4. gravely - (pg. 56) _____

5. unhampered - (pg. 113) _____

Complete the sentences with the correct vocabulary word. OR
Write your own sentences using the vocabulary words.

6. Matt and his father built a _____ chimney until they could build a safer one.
7. Matt thought about the _____ life of the Indians but knew he would miss his mother.
8. After seeing the bear's damage in the cabin, Matt began to _____ what remained.
9. Attean often spoke to the animals in words _____ to Matt.
10. Attean spoke _____ as he told what happened to his mother and father.

Discussion Questions

Chapters 1-5

1. What two gifts did Matt's father leave with him before he left? Why do you think the father gave him these gifts? How do you think this made Matt feel?

Chapters 6-10

2. In Chapter 9, why do you think Attean reacted so strongly to the passage about Friday in *Robinson Crusoe*?

Chapters 11-15

3. In Chapter 15, Matt and Attean have the adventure of their lives. In your own words, retell the story about the bear.

Chapters 16-20

4. When Matt found Attean's dog caught in a trap, he had to walk and swim a very long way to reach Attean's village for help. Why do you think he went through all this trouble?

Chapters 21-25

5. What did Matt do in Chapter 22 that finally won the full respect of Attean? Why do you think this act was special to Attean? What gifts did Matt and Attean exchange?



Enrichment

This activity may take a few weeks.

Make a gift for someone. Here are a few ideas:

1. Press flowers in a big book and glue them on a piece of paper. Frame the paper with construction paper.
2. Glue popsicles sticks on a tin can to make a pencil holder.
3. Draw a picture. Frame it with construction paper.
4. Paint a picture. Frame it with construction paper.
5. Make a gift of your choice.

Make a card to go with the gift. Deliver it.

Decision Making

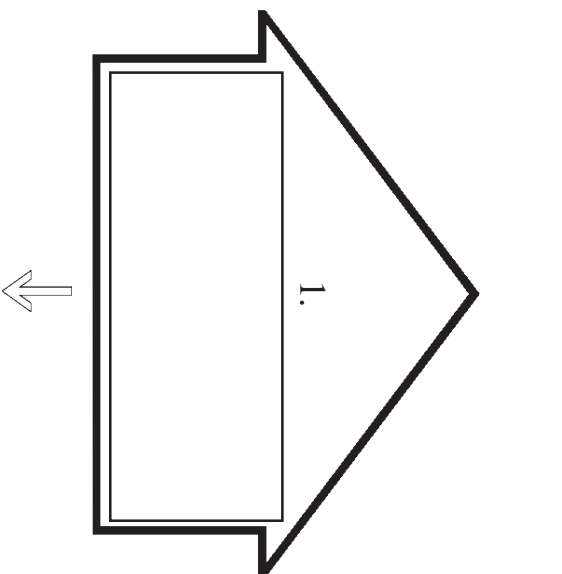
In Chapter 21, Attean's grandfather tells Matt that winter is coming and perhaps his father may not return. The grandfather has grown fond of Matt and cares about his safety, so he invites Matt to go with them. In the next few moments, Matt thinks about the reasons why he should go and why he should stay. The invitation sounds exciting, but he quickly makes his decision.

Answer the questions, and write the answers in the Decision Diagram on page 216.

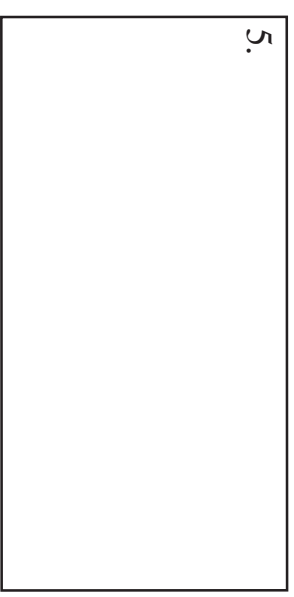
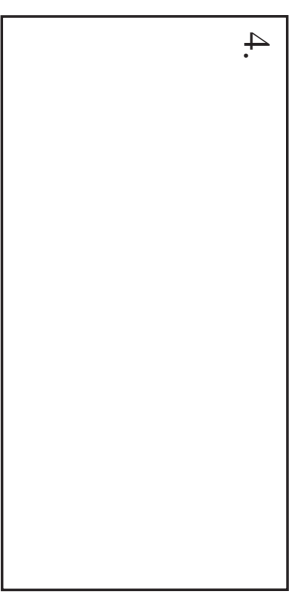
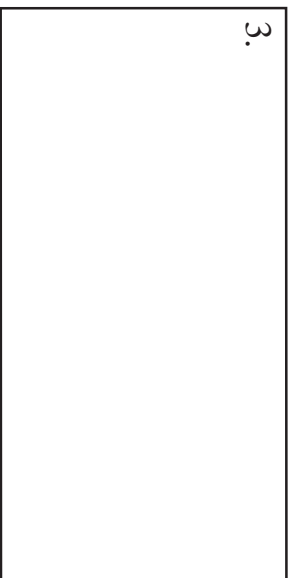
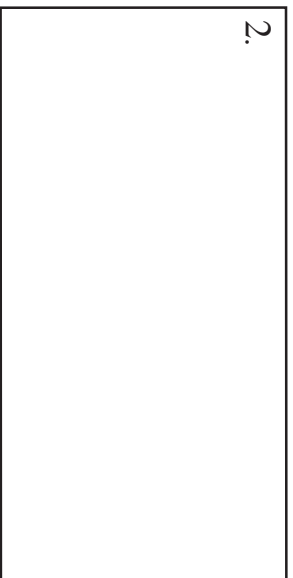
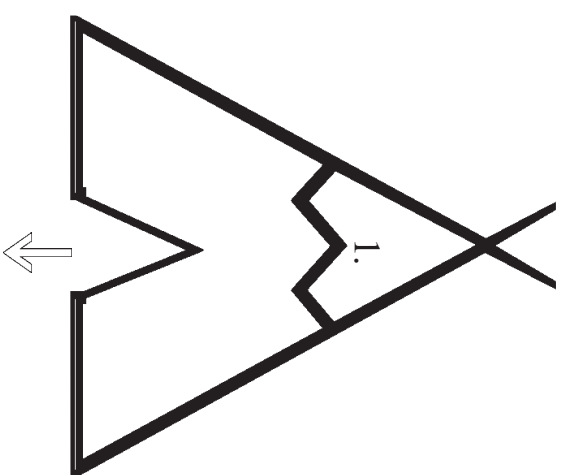
1. What are Matt's two choices?
2. Although the thought of going with Attean sounded exciting, Matt decided to stay and wait for his father. Why?
3. What did Matt think may happen if he waited for his father?
4. What did Matt think his life would be like if he went with Attean and his family?
5. What do you think would have happened if Matt had chosen to go with Attean and his father returned?

Decision Diagram

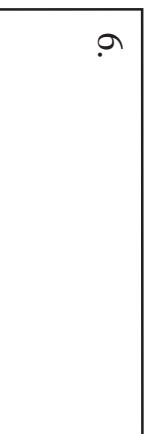
Using your answers from page 215, write the answers accordingly. You do not need to use complete sentences.



Matt's Choices



Matt's Decision



Cause and Effect

In a story, there is often a problem which is caused by something. This problem has certain results, or effects. For example, in Chapter 3, Matt realizes his rifle has been stolen. This is the problem. The result or effect is that he could no longer hunt for food and he had no protection. In the following chart, write the effect (or result) of each cause (or problem). You do not need to write in complete sentences.

Cause (problem)	Effect (result)
1. Chapter 3 the rifle is stolen	<p>_____ can't hunt for food _____</p> <p>_____ no protection _____</p>
2. Chapter 4 Matt didn't shut the door properly	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
3. Chapter 5 Matt wants something tasty to eat	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
4. Chapter 6 Matt wants to show his appreciation to the Indian for saving his life	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
5. Chapter 18 Matt counted his ten notched sticks	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>

Gift Exchange

In Chapter 22, Matt and Attean say good-bye by exchanging gifts. It was a difficult moment for both boys. They knew the relationship they shared together had now come to an end. Complete the following questions, and then write the answers in the Gift Exchange Diagram (page 218).

1. What are the two boys' names?
2. What gift did Matt give?
3. What gift did Attean give?
4. Why do you think Matt chose this gift to give?
5. Why do you think Attean chose this gift to give?

Gift Exchange Diagram

