



Stowaway on the Pony Express

Lesson

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Vocabulary

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A Write the vocabulary word that completes each sentence.

1. The reason a person does something is his _____.
2. If you decided or determined to do something, you _____ to do it.
3. If something is higher or better than another thing, it is _____.
4. Tricks that are meant to be funny without causing harm are _____.
5. If you felt sorry about something you did, you _____ doing it.

Word Focus stowaway

A **stowaway** (stō' ə wā) is one who hides on a plane, ship, or other vehicle to get a free ride.



Exploring the Story

△ **B** Read the introduction. Write an answer to the question.

Read the title and first paragraph of the story on page 17. Think about the meaning of *stowaway*. Who do you think the stowaway was on the Pony Express?



Silently read “Stowaway on the Pony Express” (pages 17-24).



- C** Put a ✓ beside each sentence that is real and not from the girls' imaginations.
Put an x beside each sentence that shows the girls' imaginations.

6. ☐ "My beautiful doll has traveled on the train."
7. ☐ "That would frighten my poor Betsy Ann out of her wits."
8. ☐ "She has gone traveling."
9. ☐ "I'll let her tell you all about it when she returns."
10. ☐ "I hope mine does not get jealous."

- D** Write the letter of each way to read beside the sentence it matches.

a. normal tone of voice b. quickly c. worried tone of voice

11. ____ Joey arrived home the next night after Polly and Henry had gone to bed.
12. ____ First thing in the morning they ran to the front hall.
13. ____ They stopped in alarm when they saw a strange coat hanging on the hook.

Characters and Setting

Two important parts of a story are the characters and the setting. The **characters** are all the people or animals in the story. The **setting** is when and where the story happened.



- E** Write the word that completes each sentence.

14. The people or animals in a story are the _____.
15. The setting is _____ and _____ the story happened.



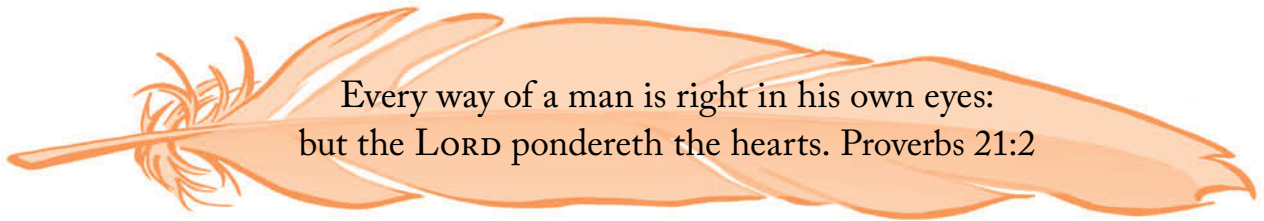
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F Write the name of the character or the setting detail that completes each sentence.

16. The character who had a fancy doll was _____.
17. The character who had a doll named Betsy Ann was _____.
18. The character who planned a trip for a doll was _____.
19. The character who rode for the Pony Express was _____.
20. This story happened sometime after the year of _____.
21. This story happened in St. Joseph, _____.

G Read the Bible verse to yourself three times.



Every way of a man is right in his own eyes:
but the LORD pondereth the hearts. Proverbs 21:2



We Remember



H Write the words that complete each oral reading rule.

22. Read _____.
23. Use _____.
24. Observe _____.
25. Practice _____.

I Use the table of contents in your reader. Write the letter of the story that would be found in each page range.

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 26. ____ pages 83-88 | a. "A Lesson That Stuck" |
| 27. ____ pages 195-200 | b. "A Foxy Father" |
| 28. ____ pages 236-241 | c. "Facing the Music" |



Stowaway on the Pony Express



Oral reading class: “Stowaway on the Pony Express” (pages 17-24)

Cause and Effect

Understanding why things happened helps you understand the story better. The **cause** tells why something happened. The **effect** is what happened.

Cause:

May acted as if her doll were superior.

Polly blinked back tears *because* May acted as if her doll were superior.

Effect:

Polly blinked back tears.

A Write the letter of the cause of each effect.

Causes:

- a. dolls do not usually go traveling by themselves
- b. his prank had not hurt Polly and May’s friendship
- c. he wanted Polly to have something to talk about too
- d. they did not know where Betsy Ann was
- e. he had worried over her

Effects:

- 1. Henry wanted to send Betsy Ann on a trip *because* _____.
- 2. May was astonished that Betsy Ann had gone traveling *because* _____.
- 3. Henry and Polly were alarmed when they saw a strange coat *because* _____.
- 4. Henry gave a great sigh of relief when he saw Betsy Ann *because* _____.
- 5. Henry was satisfied at the end of the story *because* _____.



B Write the answer to each question.

6. What four words describe the kind of riders the Pony Express needed?

7. How long did it take to send a letter by stagecoach? _____

8. How long did it take to send a letter by Pony Express? _____

9. How much did it cost to send a half-ounce letter? _____

Facts about the Pony Express

- A rider was expected to ride 75 miles each day.
- The Pony Express owned 400 to 500 horses.
- The route was dangerous, but only one delivery was ever lost.
- Riders were paid \$100 to \$150 a month.
- The Pony Express only ran about a year and a half. It became unnecessary when telegraph lines were stretched across the West.



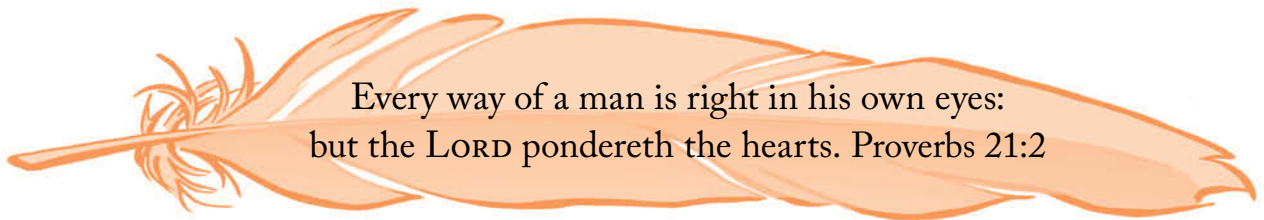
C Read the facts in the box above. Write the answer to each question.

10. How many miles would a rider travel on a two-day trip? _____

11. How many deliveries were lost? _____

12. If a rider needed \$95 to finish his cabin, could he pay for it in one month? _____

△ D Memorize the Bible verse and say it to your teacher.



Every way of a man is right in his own eyes;
but the LORD pondereth the hearts. Proverbs 21:2

Although Henry thought he had a good idea, he realized later that it could have turned out badly. Whether we come up with good ideas or bad ideas, God knows what is in our hearts and understands our motives.



△ **E** Write an answer to each question.

13. What was one thing Henry learned in this story?

14. If you do something for fun, but it turns out badly, what should you do?

F Write *characters* or *setting* to match each definition.

15. _____ when and where a story happens

16. _____ the people or animals in a story



We Remember



G Circle Yes if the vocabulary word is used correctly or No if it is not.

17. Mrs. Walters **frantically** searched for her son. Yes No

18. The boys' argument was filled with **affectionate** words. Yes No

19. Janelle's **motive** for washing dishes was to help her mom. Yes No

20. Carrie is **committing** her pony to Mr. White's care for a month. Yes No

21. Someone left a muddy **trek** on the kitchen floor. Yes No

H Write a vocabulary word from the box to replace the underlined words in each sentence.

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22. _____ James felt sorry that he hadn't put his bike away.

23. _____ Harriet determined to form the habit of being on time.

24. _____ Uncle Edward enjoys playing harmless tricks.

25. _____ Kate thought her report was better than everyone else's.