

## Reading Notes

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| <b>ice box</b>          | a refrigerator; originally an insulated chest into which ice was placed to cool and preserve food      |
| <b>Musteline Mammal</b> | a fur-bearing mammal, known for the foul-smelling, oily liquid they eject when frightened or in danger |
| <b>Genus Mephitis</b>   | the Latin name for this family of mammals  |

## Vocabulary

1. He decided to name the skunk **Aroma**. \_\_\_\_\_
2. That's the last wire **soldered** and my new radio is finished. \_\_\_\_\_
3. The after shave lotion with the **distinctive** invigorating smell \_\_\_\_\_
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5. so he decided to sneak up and **investigate**. \_\_\_\_\_
6. who had evidently gone to college and studied **zoology**. \_\_\_\_\_

## Comprehension Questions

1. Where does Homer live? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. What exciting news does Homer hear on his new radio? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Describe the suitcase used to hold the prize money and lotion. Why is this important to note?  
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| <b>“I’ll be switched.”</b>       | an idiom meaning “I’m surprised!” or “I can’t believe it!” |
| <b>light button</b>              | a light switch   |
| <b>four dollars “in advance”</b> | to pay a price before receiving an item or a service       |

## Vocabulary

1. tried to **coax** Aroma out of the suitcase \_\_\_\_\_
2. Our present condition could be described as being a **trifle** overcrowded. \_\_\_\_\_
3. The robbers **gingerly** lifted the covers and peeked out \_\_\_\_\_
4. robbers aren’t **accustomed** to going without shoes \_\_\_\_\_
5. the news **commentators** on the radio told about it too. \_\_\_\_\_

## Comprehension Questions

1. Why do the robbers decide not to shoot Aroma in their hideout in the woods?  
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2. How does Homer figure out that the four guests at the tourist camp are the robbers?  
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3. Why does the sheriff wait to arrest the robbers at the tourist camp? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. What does the sheriff mean when he says, “the boys and me can walk right in and snap the bracelets on ‘em”?  
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5. Describe Homer’s plan to catch the robbers. Who else plays an important part in this plan?  
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