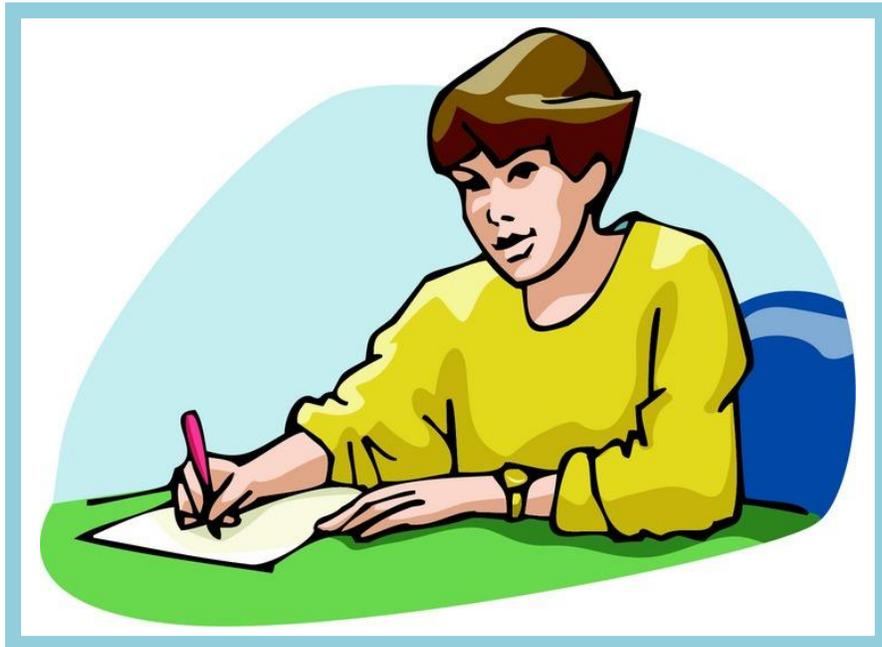


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with
Answer Keys

for
Dear Mr. Henshaw

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Write the **letter** of the correct answer in the blank before each question.

- _____ 1. Leigh Botts lived in (A) Nevada, (B) Florida, (C) California.
- _____ 2. Leigh first wrote to Mr. Henshaw when he was in (A) second grade, (B) third grade, (C) fourth grade.
- _____ 3. The title of the book by Mr. Henshaw that Leigh read over and over was (A) ***Beggar Bears***, (B) ***Living in Alaska***, (C) ***Ways to Amuse a Dog***.
- _____ 4. When he began writing to Mr. Henshaw, Leigh lived in (A) an apartment building, (B) a mobile home park, (C) a small house.



- _____ 5. In sixth grade, Leigh was in a new school in a new town because (A) his dad got a new job, (B) his parents got a divorce, (C) his mom was going to school.
- _____ 6. In addition to going to nursing school, Leigh's mom worked (A) as a waitress, (B) at the gas station next door, (C) with a catering business.
- _____ 7. When he answered the questions Leigh asked in his letter, Mr. Henshaw wrote (A) silly answers, (B) lots of pages, (C) in riddles.
- _____ 8. Leigh answered Mr. Henshaw's questions because (A) he liked to write, (B) his mom made him do it, (C) it was a school assignment.
- _____ 9. Leigh's dad (A) drove a truck, (B) was a salesman, (C) worked with the state highway department.
- _____ 10. Leigh's dog, Bandit, (A) lived with him and his mom, (B) rode with Leigh's dad in his rig, (C) was a young puppy.
- _____ 11. The special treats that Leigh carried in his lunchbag came from his mom and (A) his grandmother, (B) things his dad sent, (C) Katy, the lady who ran the catering service.

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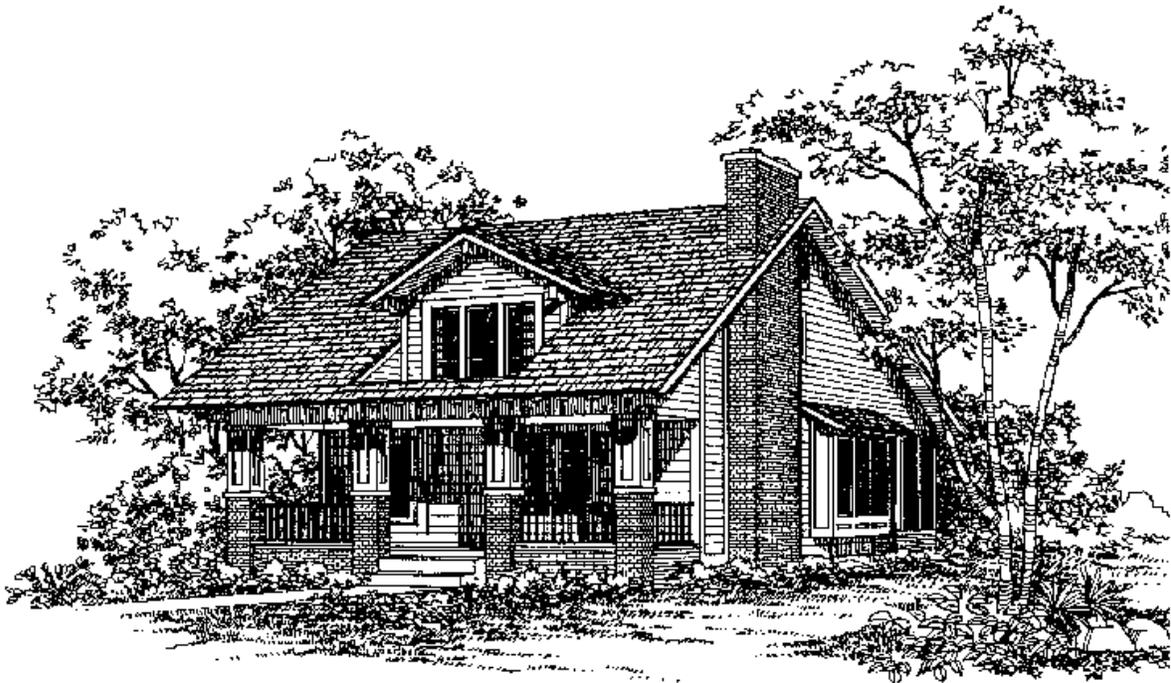
- _____ 12. What problem did Leigh have with his lunch? (A) There was never enough food. (B) Everyone else in his class ate in the cafeteria. (C) Someone stole the special treats from his lunchbag.
- _____ 13. How did Leigh try to solve the problem with his lunch? (A) He pretended he wasn't hungry. (B) He bought a black lunchbox and put a burglar alarm in it. (C) He kept his lunchbag at his desk.
- _____ 14. Leigh wanted to be (A) a famous author, (B) a truck driver, (C) a scientist.
- _____ 15. Mr. Henshaw suggested that Leigh (A) keep a diary, (B) spend more time with his father, (C) find some friends at school and quit writing to him.
- _____ 16. Leigh was disappointed when his dad (A) promised to call and then didn't, (B) went on long trips without him, (C) talked to strangers, but not to him.



- _____ 17. Leigh's Christmas present from his dad was delivered by (A) a person from the department store, (B) Dad, dressed in a Santa suit, (C) a truck driver that Leigh and his mom didn't know.
- _____ 18. One Christmas, Leigh and his parents made up songs about (A) single shoes lying along the road, (B) traveling, (C) mobile home parks.
- _____ 19. Leigh's mom said his dad was (A) not a very good father, (B) in love with a truck, (C) not interested in his family.
- _____ 20. The story that Leigh was not able to write an ending for was about (A) a ten-foot wax man, (B) a giant butterfly, (C) a miniature monster that nobody was afraid of.
- _____ 21. The prize for the best writing in the Young Writers' Yearbook was (A) ten dollars, (B) two new books, (C) lunch with a famous author.
- _____ 22. Mr. Fridley was (A) the school principal, (B) the school custodian, (C) Leigh's favorite teacher.
- _____ 23. The grove of mossy pine and eucalyptus trees that Leigh visited was (A) part of a city park, (B) where he wished his family could live, (C) the place where thousands of monarch butterflies spent the winter.
- _____ 24. While Leigh's dad was putting chains on his rig in a snowstorm, he (A) lost Bandit, (B) missed a phone call from Leigh, (C) injured his leg.
- _____ 25. For the Young Writers' Yearbook, Leigh wrote about (A) Bandit, (B) a trip he made with his dad, (C) the gas station next door.

Dear Mr. Henshaw—Whole Book Test—Continued

- _____ 26. Leigh's composition won (A) honorable mention, (B) second place, (C) first prize.
- _____ 27. Angela Badger called Leigh (A) a promising young writer, (B) an imaginative thinker, (C) an author.
- _____ 28. Leigh helped his friend Barry (A) write a story, (B) put a burglar alarm on the door to his room, (C) find the butterfly forest.
- _____ 29. Instead of calling him by his name, Leigh's dad called him (A) kid, (B) son, (C) sport.
- _____ 30. Leigh hung up on his dad when he heard (A) his mother coming in the door, (B) a woman's voice in the background, (C) a boy ask Dad when they were going to get pizza.
- _____ 31. When Leigh's dad asked if there was a chance they could get back together, Mom said (A) no, (B) it was possible, (C) only if he gave up his truck.
- _____ 32. Bandit (A) was never found, (B) stayed with Leigh, (C) left in the truck with Leigh's dad.
- _____ 33. When he realized his dad missed both him and his mom, Leigh felt (A) worse than ever, (B) sad and a whole lot better at the same time, (C) sorry for his dad.



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| 1. C | 21. C |
| 2. A | 22. B |
| 3. C | 23. C |
| 4. B | 24. A |
| 5. B | 25. B |
| 6. C | 26. A |
| 7. A | 27. C |
| 8. B | 28. B |
| 9. A | 29. A |
| 10. B | 30. C |
| 11. C | 31. A |
| 12. C | 32. C |
| 13. B | 33. B |
| 14. A | |
| 15. A | |
| 16. A | |
| 17. C | |
| 18. A | |
| 19. B | |
| 20. A | |