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On the Banks of Plum Creek

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‘The Door in the Ground, The House in the Ground, Rushes and Flags’

Name the five places that Jack had trotted through?

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What had Pa traded Pet and Patty for? _________________________________
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What had Pa traded Bunny and the wagon cover for? _____________________________
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They were going to live in a dugout. What is a dugout?

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Describe the door of the dugout? _________________________________
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On the Banks of Plum Creek

‘The Door in the Ground, The House in the Ground, Rushes and Flags’

What was the ceiling of the dugout made of? ________________
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What did Laura find sticking out of the grass in the roof of the house? ________________
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What were the names of the two oxen that the Ingalls now own? ________________
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Mary and Laura played in the creek. They found rushes that squeaked. What did they do with them? ________________
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On the Banks of Plum Creek

‘Deep Water, Strange Animal, Wreath of Roses’

What happened when Laura went into the deep water at the swimming hole?__________________________________________________________
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They had a great time at the swimming hole, but what was the one rule Pa said? ________________________________________________________
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When Laura disobeyed Pa and went to the swimming hole, what animal stood in her way?

a. badger  b. bear  c. buffalo

What punishment did Laura receive for disobeying Pa?
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Laura and Mary went with Pa to the big, long, gray rock. What did they bring home?__________________________________________________________
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What chore did Laura and Mary have to do every morning and afternoon?

Pete and Bright were now going with Spot now. One night, the whole herd came home angry. What did Pete do when he arrived home?

What did Pa have to stay home and do?
- a. build a new roof
- b. build a new door
- c. plant seeds

One morning three men came. What did they bring?

Why?

Pa told the girls not to slide down the straw-stack again, so what did they do this time?
On the Banks of Plum Creek

‘Ox on the Roof, Straw Stack, Grasshopper Weather’

Why couldn’t they play on the straw-stack?
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How did Ma dry the plums that Laura and Mary collected?
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Why didn’t Mary like picking plums?
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The old-timers called it ‘Grasshopper Weather’. What do you think they meant by that?
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Pa, Ma and Carrie had gone to town for the day. What did Laura walk outside and see?

How did the cattle come to be with the hay stacks?

What treats did Pa bring home for Mary and Laura from town?

Grasshopper weather was strange as even at Thanksgiving there was no...

a. grasshoppers       b. snow       c. rain

Why did they have 3 grains of parched corn next to their plate at Thanksgiving?
What days did Laura like the best?

What did Pa wish for?

Why were Mary and Laura sad about not having a chimney?

Ma asked Mary and Laura what they wanted for Christmas. What did she hope they would say?

a. dogs b. horses c. new dress

What did Mary think Santa Claus was like?
On the Banks of Plum Creek

‘A Merry Christmas, Spring Freshet, The Footbridge’

What did Mary and Laura make for Carrie for Christmas?
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What button made Laura squeal?
a. jet button     b. dog-head button  c. striped button

What did Mary and Laura get in their stockings on Christmas morning?
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Describe what was waiting in the stable for Laura and Mary on Christmas Day?
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What woke Laura up in the middle of the night?
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When Laura snuck out of the house and played on the footbridge, what nearly happened?

What did Laura discover about the creek?

How do you think Laura was able to stop herself from being taken away by the fierce creek?
On the Banks of Plum Creek

‘The Wonderful House, Moving In, The Old Crab and the Bloodsuckers’

What were the names of the Christmas horses?

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Pa was working hard. What was he doing?

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Pa went to town. What did he bring back?

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Who came to help Pa build the cellar and the house?

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Where would Laura and Mary sleep in this new house?

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What was the surprise Mary and Laura had to keep from Ma?

Why did Laura have so much trouble sleeping the first night in the new house?

What did Mary and Laura find on the path the Nelson made when he came to help build the house?

What strange, snapping creature did Laura find?

What were the blobs that stuck to Laura’s legs?
Laura did not want to go to?

a. school  b. town  c. train station

What did Laura help Pa make? ____________________________

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How does this trap work?________________________

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What were the three books that Ma gave Mary and Laura?

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What did Mary and Laura need to learn?

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What were the first words Laura learnt to read?

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Why didn’t Laura and Mary tell Ma and Pa about needing a slate pencil?

Nellie always insisted the girls play what?

What did Laura like to play?

What is your favourite game to play? Why?

Nellie was mad at Laura and Christy but what did she do the following week?
On the Banks of Plum Creek

‘Town Party, Country Party, Going to Church’

When Laura didn’t feel like playing with the other girls, what did Mrs Oleson give her to do? ______________________________

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What did Laura drink for the first time at the party?

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What cake did Ma bake for Mary and Laura’s party?

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Why were they called vanity cakes?

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Is it good to be vain? Why/Why not?

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On Sunday morning, Ma was in a hurry to get ready for church. What mistake did she make? ________________

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What did Mary and Laura go to while at church?

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What did Reverend Alden call Mary and Laura? ____________

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Why did Pa want new boots? _____________________________

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Who did Pa give the three dollars to? Why? ______________

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A cloud was blocking out the sun. What was the cloud made of?

How did Pa and Ma try to save the wheat?

The grasshoppers ate everything. How would you feel if the grasshoppers ate all your food?

When Laura was playing, she found gray thing shaped like a worm. What was it?
Pa had to go and look for work. Which direction did he go?

a. west   b. south   c. east   d. north

After Pa left, the weather was hot and there was no food left for the cattle. How did this affect Spot?

The Ingalls saw a storm cloud in the distance. Why did they want it to come to them?

When they finally received a letter from Pa, how far did he say he had walked?

a. 100 miles   b. 200 miles   c. 300 miles
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‘The Darkest Hour is Just Before the Dawn, Going to Town, Surprise’

Mrs. Nelson and her daughter, Anna, came to visit. Why couldn’t Mary and Laura understand her?

What did Anna want to take with her when they were leaving?

a. paper doll   b. tin cup   c. Charlotte

When going to the Nelsons to see if Pa had sent a letter, what did Laura find?

A terrific crash woke up Laura and Mary. What was it?
When Pa came home, the family went to town. What did they get for Mary and Laura?

Pa set traps further up Plum Creek. What was he trying to catch?

- a. muskrat
- b. otter
- c. mink
- d. crab
- e. fox

Why did the Ingalls family go to town at night?

Laura wanted one thing that she saw on the tree. What was it?
After the eggs hatched and the grasshoppers ate everything, what did they do?

Where must Pa go again?

When Pa was away, a dark cloud was heading toward the Ingalls girls. What was it?

What were the ‘wheels of fire?’
The Ingalls family didn’t eat the tops of the turnips. Who loved eating them?

How did Mary count the days until Pa came home?

Pa came home and set traps again. What was he trying to catch this time?

When Ma and Pa went to town for the afternoon, what struck the girls at home?

What did Mary and Laura do just before it struck?
During the winter blizzards, Mary worked on a nine-patch quilt. Laura made a harder one, what was it?

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Pa wanted to go to town, but Ma didn’t want him to go. What happened while he was in town?

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What device did Pa use to get his boots off?

a. bootrack  b. bootbob  c. bootjack

Why do you think Ma lit the lamp and put it in the window?

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They played bean-porridge hot to keep them occupied in the blizzard. What are some other games they could play?

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While Ma was doing the chores, how did Mary and Laura keep busy?

What did Ma use to tell a story?

What did Carrie and Laura use to make pictures of the windows?

Why didn’t Ma have to do the chores that night?
On the fourth day, Laura thought she saw a bear. Who was it? 

Pa was lucky he bought what? 

How long was Pa lost for? 

Where was the hole that Pa stopped in while the blizzard was going on? 

What did Pa buy at the store in a flat, square-edged can for Christmas dinner?
On the Banks of Plum Creek
Extra Activities
Design some bookmarks to use with this book.
Vocabulary

Find the following words in a dictionary and write their meanings.

**badger:** ____________________________

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**bank:** ____________________________

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**bristled:** ____________________________

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**jointed:** ____________________________

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**patched:** ____________________________

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Vocabulary

Find the following words in a dictionary and write their meanings.

ruffled: ____________________________

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rushed: __________________________

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hollow: __________________________

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rippling: __________________________

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sowed: __________________________

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Vocabulary

Find the following words in a dictionary and write their meanings.

whitewashed: ____________________________

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fluttered: ____________________________

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fetching: ____________________________

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thickets: ____________________________

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calico: ____________________________

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Vocabulary

Find the following words in a dictionary and write their meanings.

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muslin: _________________________
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lichens: _________________________
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outlandish: ______________________
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Vocabulary

Find the following words in a dictionary and write their meanings.

scarce: ________________________________

smudge: ________________________________

towered: ________________________________

earnestly: ________________________________

plough: ________________________________
Vocabulary

Find the following words in a dictionary and write their meanings.

dismay:

patterning:

tawny:

jostling:

contradicting:
Vocabulary

Find the following words in a dictionary and write their meanings.

harrowing: ________________________________

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jounced: ________________________________

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dabbled: ________________________________

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desperately: ________________________________

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Vocabulary

Find the following words in a dictionary and write their meanings.

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knoll: ________________________________

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partition: ________________________________

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boughten: ________________________________

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absolutely: ________________________________

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Vocabulary

Find the following words in a dictionary and write their meanings.

leeches: ________________________________

scythe: ________________________________

bawled: ________________________________

kerosene: ________________________________

shrieked: ________________________________
Vocabulary

Find the following words in a dictionary and write their meanings.

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foaming: __________________________
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Vocabulary

Find the following words in a dictionary and write their meanings.

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draught: ___________________________

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Draw a picture of Laura’s dugout in the creek and describe it on the lines at the bottom of the page.
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Living in a dugout could sometimes be dangerous. Describe 3 instances in which it could be dangerous.

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Alphabetical Order

Place the following words in alphabetical order.

- grasshopper
- foxes
- muskrats
- minks
- otters
- butterflies
- leeches
- rabbits
- dog
- fish
- oxen
- horses

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Alphabetical Order

Place the following words in alphabetical order.

potatoes  carrots  wheat
plums     turnips  corn
candy     oats     lemonade
vanity cakes  popcorn  sugar

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Laura’s family went to the swimming hole. Laura was told not to go back unless Pa was with her, but she went to disobey. A badger stood in her way. Do you think the badger saved Laura’s life? Have you heard of animals saving people’s lives before?
On the Banks of Plum Creek

After working hard, Pa received a cow as payment. He traded labor with his neighbors. They would help him and he would help them. Why do you think people traded animals or labor instead of money?

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Pa always traded something to get a cow. Why do you think the family wanted a cow so badly?

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Mary and Laura found a new creek after moving into their new house. Would you like to play in a creek with a crab and leeches? Why/Why not?

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Pa went east to look for work. Write a letter to Pa from Laura about what has been happening while he is away.

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In the book, Plum Creek gets very full and Laura nearly falls in. Research floods and write a few paragraphs below on why it is a good idea to stay away from flooded creeks and rivers.
Pa got caught in a blizzard not far from home. In the box below draw the ‘cave’ that Pa stayed in for three days and nights while the blizzard raged outside.
Blizzard
Research blizzards and write a few paragraphs below including details of what you have learnt.

Blizzards

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Tumbleweeds

When the prairie fire came, the tumbleweeds caught on fire and were rolling around in the wind. Research tumbleweeds and find out how they are made and why they burn so easily.
West Again?

After all the hardships, Pa thinks it would be better heading west again. Ma wants to stay at Plum Creek. Would you like to stay or move again? Why?

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Stealing is wrong. Then, why do you think Ma said it was alright for Laura to take Charlotte back after finding her destroyed in the ice? Do you think Ma should have made Laura give her doll away in the first place? Why didn’t the girls’ mother tell her daughter to give the doll back?
Singular and Plural

Write the plurals of these singular words in the box next to them.

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On The Banks of Plum Creek Word Search

PLUM CREEK WHEAT SWIMMING
HORSES CRAB LEECHES GRASSHOPPERS
PARTIES OXEN FISHING BLIZZARDS

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Morning Glory Notebooking Page

Family: _______________  Genus: _______________
Species: _______________  Color: _______________
Seed: _______________  Size: _______________

Flower Facts: ____________________________________
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Parts of Speech

Draw one line under the nouns and two lines under the verbs in the following sentences.

Just a nice walk.

Laura skipped with joy.

She was scared.

Mary was sitting down to sew.

They went outdoors with Jack.

Laura hated to go to school.

The wind blew hard and sharp.

Carrie stopped whimpering.

I’ll get the wood.
On the Banks of Plum Creek

Write an acrostic poem about Plum Creek

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Write a Limerick poem about Grasshoppers.

A Limerick poem has the following rhyme pattern:
Lines 1,2 and 5 rhyme with each other
Lines 3 and 4 rhyme with each other

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Write a Cinquain poem about Crabs.

A Cinquain poem has the following syllable patterns:

Line 1: one syllable
Line 2: five syllables
Line 3: seven syllables
Line 4: six syllables
Line 5: one syllable

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Pa had to look for work to buy food. Look through a newspaper and read the articles and advertisements. Draw an advertisement for a job that needs workers to help with farm work.
Newspaper Article

Look through a newspaper and read the articles and advertisements. Write your own article about the grasshopper weather. How many grasshoppers were there? Where did they come from? What did they do?
Laura’s new neighbors came from Norway. Research Norway and draw a map in the box and fill in the details.

Population: __________________________________________

Land Area: ___________________________________________

Capital: ______________________________________________

Language Spoken: _____________________________________

Currency: ____________________________________________

Main Religion: ________________________________________

Main Exports: _________________________________________
Write a postcard to your cousin about the grasshopper weather.
a. you have been a good girl laura ma said
b. a wreath laura shouted
c. grasshopper weather laura thought
d. a dugout is snug and cozy said ma
d. i want candy laura said
e. i guess he is like angels mary said
g. the creek went down
h. i don’t like them laura said
i. ma said well it can freeze now
Pa plays the fiddle in this book. What instrument do you play? Why? If you don’t play an instrument, what one would you like to play? Why?
On the Banks of Plum Creek Answers
Name the five places that Jack had trotted through? **Indian Territory, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota**

What had Pa traded Pet and Patty for? **Mr Hanson’s land**

What had Pa traded Bunny and the wagon cover for? **Mr Hanson’s crops and his oxen.**

They were going to live in a dugout. What is a dugout? **A dugout is house made out of sod.**

Describe the door of the dugout? **All around the door, green vines were growing. The vines were full of red, blue, purple rosy-pink, white and striped morning glory flowers.**
What was the ceiling of the dugout made of? It was made of hay. Willow boughs had been laid across and their branches woven together.

What did Laura find sticking out of the grass in the roof of the house? A stove pipe

What were the names of the two oxen that the Ingalls now own? Bright and Pete

What must be done is... best done cheerfully.

Mary and Laura played in the creek. They found rushes that squeaked. What did they do with them? They put little ones together to make necklaces. They put big ones together to make long tubes and blow into the creek with them.
What happened when Laura went into the deep water at the swimming hole? **Pa dunked her.**

They had a great time at the swimming hole, but what was the one rule Pa said? **They were never to go to the swimming hole alone.**

When Laura disobeyed Pa and went to the swimming hole, what animal stood in her way?

(a. badger) (b. bear) (c. buffalo)

What punishment did Laura receive for disobeying Pa? **She must be watched all day by Ma.**

Laura and Mary went with Pa to the big, long, gray rock. What did they bring home? **They brought home a small, white cow that had a red spot in the middle of her forehead. She also had a perfect circle of red dots on her side.**
What chore did Laura and Mary have to do every morning and afternoon? **Take Spot (the cow) to meet the herd and pick her up to bring home in the afternoon.**

Pete and Bright were now going with Spot now. One night, the whole herd came home angry. What did Pete do when he arrived home? **He put his hind leg through the roof of the dung out.**

What did Pa have to stay home and do?  

- **a. build a new roof**  
- **b. build a new door**  
- **c. plant seeds**

One morning three men came. What did they bring? Why? **They brought a thrashing machine to thrash Pa’s wheat.**

Pa told the girls not to slide down the straw-stack again, so what did they do this time? **They rolled down it.**
Why couldn’t they play on the straw-stack? **It was food for Pete, Spot and Bright for the winter.**

How did Ma dry the plums that Laura and Mary collected? **Ma spread clean cloths on the grass on the roof of the dugout and laid the plums on it for the sun to dry them.**

Why didn’t Mary like picking plums? **She would rather sew or read.**

The old-timers called it ‘**Grasshopper Weather**’. What do you think they meant by that? **Answers will vary.**
Pa, Ma and Carrie had gone to town for the day. What did Laura walk outside and see? The cattle were tearing into Pa’s hay stacks.

How did the cattle come to be with the hay stacks? Johnny Johnson had fallen asleep and the cattle had wondered off.

What treats did Pa bring home for Mary and Laura from town? horehound candy

Grasshopper weather was strange as even at Thanksgiving there was no...

a. grasshoppers  b. snow  c. rain

Why did they have 3 grains of parched corn next to their plate at Thanksgiving? At the first Thanksgiving the pilgrims only had 3 grains of corn to eat until the Indians gave them turkeys.
What days did Laura like the best? The cattle were tearing into Pa’s hay stacks.

What did Pa wish for? A team of horses

Why were Mary and Laura sad about not having a chimney? Santa Claus couldn’t come to their house as he couldn’t climb down the chimney.

Ma asked Mary and Laura what they wanted for Christmas. What did she hope they would say?

a. dogs  b. horses  c. new dress

What did Mary think Santa Claus was like? angels
What did Mary and Laura make for Carrie for Christmas? 
A button string or a necklace of buttons.

What button made Laura squeal?
- a. jet button
- b. dog-head button
- c. striped button

What did Mary and Laura get in their stockings on Christmas morning? **Six pieces of candy**

Describe what was waiting in the stable for Laura and Mary on Christmas Day? **Two soft, red-brown coloured horses that had black tails and manes.**

What woke Laura up in the middle of the night? **The creek was roaring and flooding from all the heavy rain.**
When Laura snuck out of the house and played on the footbridge, what nearly happened? She fell in and nearly drowned.

What did Laura discover about the creek? Nobody could make it do anything. It was stronger than anybody.

How do you think Laura was able to stop herself from being taken away by the fierce creek? Answers will vary.
What were the names of the Christmas horses? **Sam and David**

Pa was working hard. What was he doing? **The ground was dry so he had to plow deep and harrow well.**

Pa went to town. What did he bring back? **Lumber for a house.**

Who came to help Pa build the cellar and the house? **Mr Nelson**

Where would Laura and Mary sleep in this new house? **in the attic**
What was the surprise Mary and Laura had to keep from Ma? Pa had bought her a cookstove for the new house.

Why did Laura have so much trouble sleeping the first night in the new house? She was so used to hearing the noise of the running creek. It was very quiet at this house.

What did Mary and Laura find on the path the Nelson made when he came to help build the house? A different looking creek.

What strange, snapping creature did Laura find? a crab

What were the blobs that stuck to Laura’s legs? Leeches or bloodsuckers
Laura did not want to go to?

a. school b. town c. train station

What did Laura help Pa make? a fish trap

How does this trap work? The fish fall over the waterfall and land in the trap. The big ones can’t get out. Pa has to lift them out.

What were the three books that Ma gave Mary and Laura?
A speller, a reader and an arithmetic.

What did Mary and Laura need to learn? A slate

What were the first words Laura learnt to read? cat, pat, rat, mat
Why didn’t Laura and Mary tell Ma and Pa about needing a slate pencil? Pa had already spent so much that they hated to tell him that they needed more money.

Nellie always insisted the girls play what? Ring-around-a-rosy

What did Laura like to play? Uncle John

What is your favourite game to play? Why? Answers will vary.

Nellie was mad at Laura and Christy but what did she do the following week? She invited them to a party.
On the Banks of Plum Creek

‘Town Party, Country Party, Going to Church’

When Laura didn’t feel like playing with the other girls, what did Mrs Oleson give her to do? **She gave her some books to read.**

What did Laura drink for the first time at the party? **lemonade**

What cake did Ma bake for Mary and Laura’s party? **Vanity Cakes**

Why were they called vanity cakes? **Because they were all puffed up, like vanity, with nothing inside.**

Is it good to be vain? Why/Why not? **Answers will vary**
On Sunday morning, Ma was in a hurry to get ready for church. What mistake did she make? She put the wrong ribbons in Mary and Laura’s hair.

What did Mary and Laura go to while at church? A Sunday School class

What did Reverend Alden call Mary and Laura? His little country girls.

Why did Pa want new boots? His boots had a gaping slit across his toes and you could see his sock.

Who did Pa give the three dollars to? Why? To Brother Alden to buy a bell for the bellfry.
A cloud was blocking out the sun. What was the cloud made of? **large grasshoppers**

How did Pa and Ma try to save the wheat? **They burnt piles of old, dirty hay**

The grasshoppers ate everything. How would you feel if the grasshoppers ate all your food? **Answers will vary.**

When Laura was playing, she found gray thing shaped like a worm. What was it? **A pod of grasshopper eggs.**
Pa had to go and look for work. Which direction did he go?

a. west  b. south  c. east  d. north

After Pa left, the weather was hot and there was no food left for the cattle. How did this affect Spot? **She lost weight, you could see her hip bones and her milk was bitter and she was giving less.**

The Ingalls saw a storm cloud in the distance. Why did they want it to come to them? **They needed water to drink and to help cool the place down. The creek/ground also needed it.**

When they finally received a letter from Pa, how far did he say he had walked?

a. 100 miles  b. 200 miles  c. 300 miles
Mrs. Nelson and her daughter, Anna, came to visit. Why couldn’t Mary and Laura understand her? She spoke a different language - Norwegian

What did Anna want to take with her when they were leaving?

a. paper doll  
b. tin cup  
c. Charlotte

When going to the Nelsons to see if Pa had sent a letter, what did Laura find? Her doll Charlotte. She was frozen in a puddle out near the barn.

A terrific crash woke up Laura and Mary. What was it? Pa had come home and he purposely dropped a pile of wood on the floor to wake the girls and let them know he was home.
When Pa came home, the family went to town. What did they get for Mary and Laura? They got new shoes for Mary, new cloth for dresses for Laura and Mary.

Pa set traps further up Plum Creek. What was he trying to catch? (a. muskrat  b. otter  c. mink  d. crab  e. fox)

Why did the Ingalls family go to town at night? There was a Christmas Tree at the church. It was covered in little packages.

Laura wanted one thing that she saw on the tree. What was it? A fur cape and muff
After the eggs hatched and the grasshoppers ate everything, what did they do? They all walked west for days and then started flying away.

Where must Pa go again? He must go back east to get work.

When Pa was away, a dark cloud was heading toward the Ingalls girls. What was it? a prairie fire

What were the ‘wheels of fire?’ big tumbleweeds that were on fire and rolling around in the wind.
The Ingalls family didn’t eat the tops of the turnips. Who loved eating them? Spot and her calf.

How did Mary count the days until Pa came home? She drew marks on the slate and rubbed one off each night before bed.

Pa came home and set traps again. What was he trying to catch this time? muskrat, mink, fox and otter.

When Ma and Pa went to town for the afternoon, what struck the girls at home? A blizzard.

What did Mary and Laura do just before it struck? Bring in the woodpile.
During the winter blizzards, Mary worked on a nine-patch quilt. Laura made a harder one, what was it? A bear’s-track quilt

Pa wanted to go to town, but Ma didn’t want him to go. What happened while he was in town? A blizzard came

What device did Pa use to get his boots off?

a. bootrack   b. bootbob   c. bootjack

Why do you think Ma lit the lamp and put it in the window? Answers will vary.

They played bean-porridge hot to keep them occupied in the blizzard. What are some other games they could play? Answers will vary.
While Ma was doing the chores, how did Mary and Laura keep busy? They did the chores and cleaned the house. eg. washed and wiped the dishes, made their beds, polished the stove, cleaned the woodbox and swept the floors. Dusted the shelves, wiped the windows.

What did Ma use to tell a story? the slate

What did Carrie and Laura use to make pictures of the windows? a. thimbles b. buttons c. pennies

Why didn’t Ma have to do the chores that night? She had done it so late that morning, she gave them extra food so that she wouldn’t have to go back at night.
On the fourth day, Laura thought she saw a bear. Who was it? It was Pa.

Pa was lucky he bought what? A buffalo coat to keep him warm.

How long was Pa lost for? 3 days and 3 nights.

Where was the hole that Pa stopped in while the blizzard was going on? On the bank of Plum Creek, just above the place where he set the fish-trap.

What did Pa buy at the store in a flat, square-edged can for Christmas dinner? Oysters.
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PARTIES  OXEN  FISHING  BLIZZARDS
Norway
Laura’s new neighbors came from Norway. Research Norway and draw a map in the box and fill in the details.

Land Area: 385,178 km²
Capital: Oslo
Languages Spoken: Norwegian, Bokmål, Nynorsk
Currency: Norwegian krone
Main Religion: Lutheran Christianity
Main Exports: petroleum and petroleum products, machinery & equipment, metals, chemicals, ships, fish

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