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4th Grade
ELA & Math
Week 2

Student Name _____

Baseball Lessons

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- 1 For weeks Elena's brothers had been promising to teach her how to play baseball. Today, though, when she pestered them to join a game, Jorge said no. "Go away, little one!" he exclaimed. "This game is for expert players." How dare he call her little one!
- 2 Elena slammed the door hard and stomped into the kitchen where her grandmother was busy making the evening meal. Elena threw down her backpack and slumped in a chair. "Jorge and Hector won't teach me how to play baseball, Abuela," she grumbled. "They won't let me play because I don't even know how to catch, throw, or hit the ball—but how will I ever learn unless someone teaches me?"
- 3 "Ah, Chica, this is your lucky day," smiled Abuela. "In my youth, I had quite the reputation for being a good pitcher. We'll have to start some practice sessions outside."
- 4 For the next three weeks, they practiced daily in Elena's backyard. Abuela taught Elena everything she knew about baseball, which happened to be quite a lot. Finally, she sent Elena off to find a game.
- 5 Elena soon located her brothers and their friends in a game at the park. When she asked to join in, Jorge tried to send her away, but then one of his friends threw Elena a long, high ball. Reaching up with her glove, she made the catch easily. "Wow!" said Jorge. "How did you learn to catch like that?"
- 6 "Abuela taught me. I can throw hard and smash the ball, too."
- 7 "Well, if Abuela taught you, you must be good because she taught Hector and me, too," he laughed and nudged her gently. "Welcome to the game."



Close Reader Habits

What is Jorge's attitude toward Elena at the beginning of the story? Why does it change? Reread the story.

Underline details that show why Jorge's attitude toward Elena changes.



In some stories, a character's feelings and actions are what impact the story's outcome the most.

Think Use what you learned from reading the story to respond to the following questions.

- 1 Reread paragraph 2. Which **two** events result from what Elena says about her brothers' unwillingness to teach her to play baseball?
 - A Jorge calls Elena "little one" and tells her to go away.
 - B Jorge and Hector find a friend who teaches Elena how to play.
 - C Elena and Abuela practice baseball for three weeks.
 - D Jorge tries to send Elena away when she asks to join a baseball game at the park.
 - E Elena learns how to reach up and catch a long, high ball easily.
 - F Abuela teaches Hector to play baseball.

- 2 Which details **best** describe the settings in this story?
 - A Elena's kitchen chair and the park
 - B the park and Elena's backyard
 - C Abuela's kitchen and the park
 - D the park on two different days

Talk

- 3 Which story events explain the change in Jorge's attitude toward Elena? What does Elena learn that makes him change his mind? List the events in the chart on page 127 to help organize your thoughts.

Write

- 4 **Short Response** Describe the events that lead to a change in Jorge's attitude toward Elena. Include story details to support your response. Use the space provided on page 127 to write your response.

HINT Identify the important events that take place in the story.

Robin Hood and the Mournful Knight

adapted from an English folktale

WORDS TO KNOW

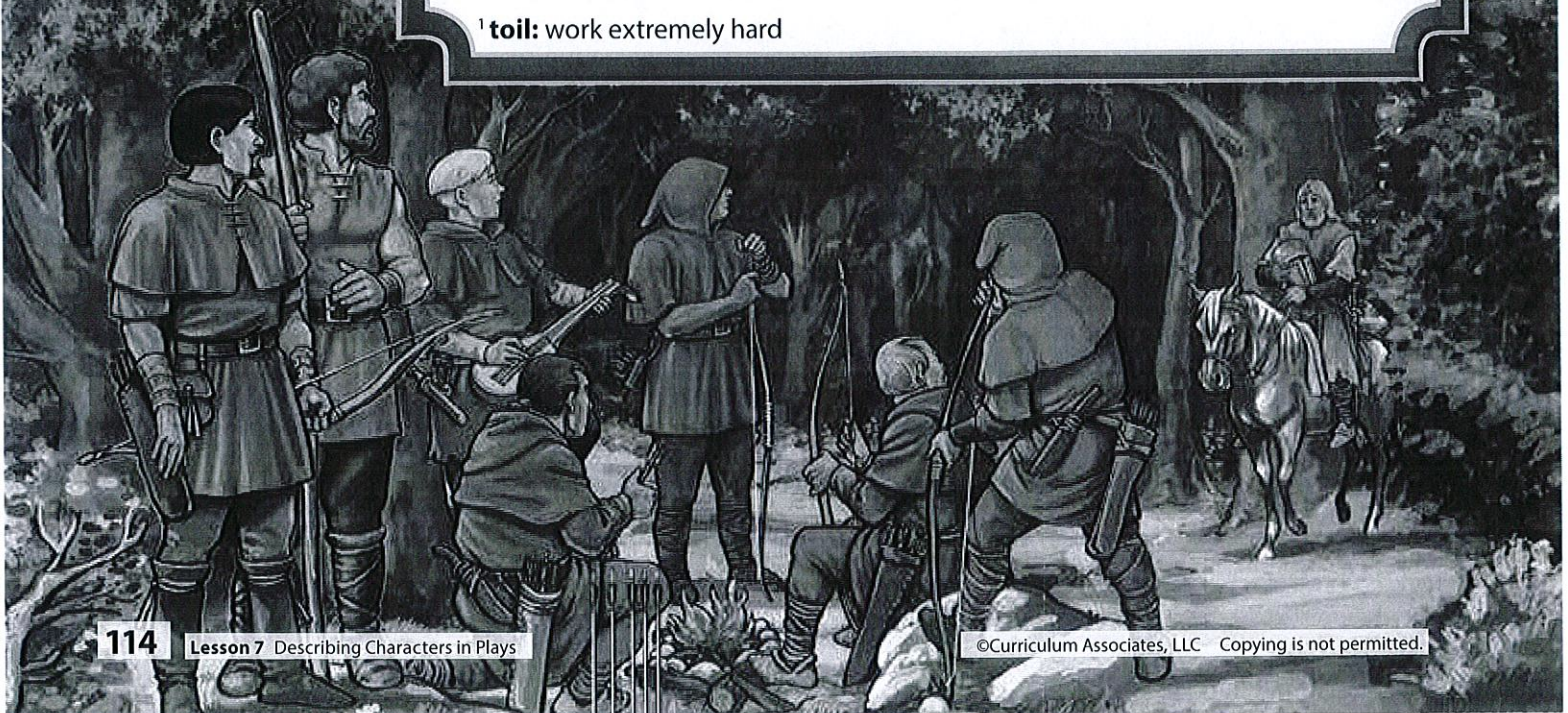
As you read, look inside, around, and beyond these words to figure out what they mean.

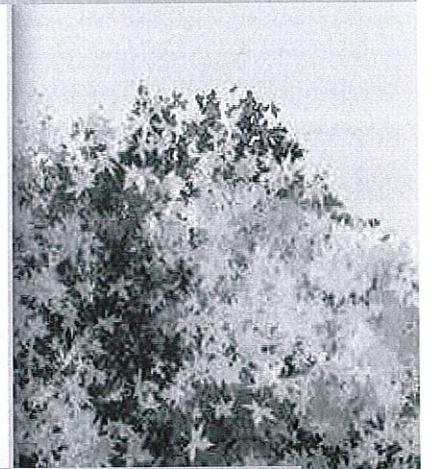
- baffled
- charity
- mournful

[Scene 1: A camp in Sherwood Forest, where ROBIN HOOD and his MEN are crafting arrows]

- 1 LITTLE JOHN [*a huge man*]: My poor empty stomach is growling for dinner! I'd not say no to roast venison with rosemary and spring onions in a delicate cream sauce. Would you, Master Robin?
- 2 ROBIN HOOD: Stop! You sound like a recipe! Now my stomach, too, rumbles and grumbles for a meal. But first we must find ourselves a wealthy traveler to pay the bill. Little John, please ride out and fetch us a Lord Moneybags.
- 3 LITTLE JOHN [*bowing*]: With pleasure, kind Master.
- 4 ROBIN HOOD: Remember, friend: take care not to bother any simple farmers or laborers you meet. Those who toil¹ for their few pennies deserve to live in peace. Fetch us some fat, selfish gentleman who treats the poor like dirt beneath his shoes.

¹toil: work extremely hard





5 WILL SCARLET: Look! [*pointing*] I've never seen a knight in such rags! What ails him, I wonder?

6 [*Enter the KNIGHT. He looks weary and mournful. He wears fine clothes, but they are old, torn, and dirty.*]

7 ROBIN HOOD: Welcome, gentle knight. I am Robin Hood. Will you not dine with us? We were just discussing the menu. We have pheasant, partridge, venison—or all three.

8 KNIGHT: Thank heavens for generous fellows like you! I have not tasted a bite for days. If I ever return to Sherwood Forest, I shall certainly repay your kindness.

9 ROBIN HOOD: Pardon me, Sir Knight, but here in Sherwood, our rich guests customarily pay in advance.

10 KNIGHT: How I wish I could, but I no longer have a penny to my name.

11 WILL SCARLET: [*suspiciously*] He lies! All these gentlefolk lie through their teeth. Let me search his saddlebags, Master Robin.

12 ROBIN HOOD: Please do, Will. Pardon us, Sir Knight, but we do not offer charity to the rich.

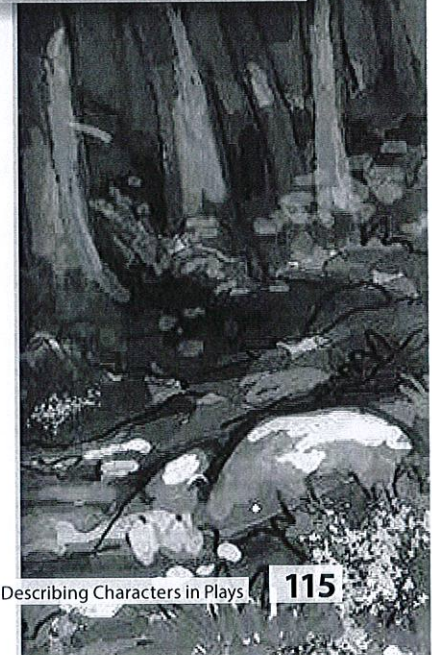
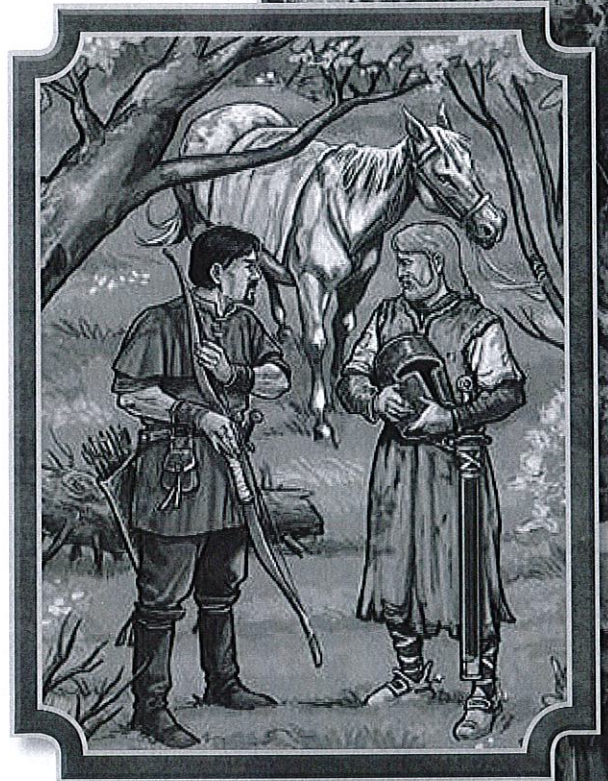
13 WILL SCARLET [*searching, then sounding baffled*]: I can't believe it—he speaks the truth!

14 ROBIN HOOD: What has befallen you, sir? You are surely a landowner, yet you are poorer than a beggar. Pray, tell us your story.

15 KNIGHT [*sits wearily on a fallen tree*]: A year ago, I was a wealthy man. But then my only son became entangled with a gang of tricksters. To save the foolish lad, I pledged all my lands. Now, unless I pay four hundred pounds² to the Earl of York by next week, I shall lose everything.

16 ROBIN HOOD: Have you no friends?

17 KNIGHT: When I was rich, I had dozens of kind friends. Now that I am a pauper, they have forgotten me. When I need their help, they turn away.



² **pound:** a unit of English money, originally equal to a pound in weight of sterling silver

18 ROBIN HOOD: Fear not, gentle knight—today you have made a new set of friends. Say, Little John! Unlock the treasure chest and count out four hundred pounds.

19 WILL SCARLET [*whose suspicious attitude has completely changed; now he all but weeps with sympathy*]: Shall he not have cloth for a new coat, Robin? His clothes are badly torn.

20 ROBIN HOOD: Of course! Give our friend a length of fine fabric. Choose a shade of blue that will match his eyes.

21 LITTLE JOHN: Here is the money, good knight.

22 WILL SCARLET [*sniffing*]: Here is the cloth, poor Sir.

23 KNIGHT [*overwhelmed with gratitude*]: Indeed, I do not know how to thank you! Tell me, Robin Hood, when shall I come to repay the money you have so kindly lent?

24 ROBIN HOOD: Twelve months from now, let us meet beneath this tree. Until then, be merry!

25 KNIGHT: I shall not fail you. Thank you and farewell, my beloved new friends.

[*Scene 2: Same Sherwood Forest camp, one year later. The KNIGHT and his wife, LADY LEA approach ROBIN and his MEN.*]

26 LADY LEA [*with a deep curtsey*]: A thousand thanks for saving our family from ruin.

27 ROBIN HOOD: Madam, it was our pleasure. How is your son? [*in a joking tone*] I hope he isn't keeping company with swindlers these days.

28 KNIGHT: Thankfully he is not. But Sir, let us conclude our business. [*He hands ROBIN a heavy sack of gold.*]

29 ROBIN HOOD [*peering into the sack*]: Surely, Sir Knight, this is too much! We lent you only four hundred pounds!

30 KNIGHT [*shrugging*]: So I added a few extra coins. You may give them to the next few paupers you meet. . . . Ha! Do I smell venison roasting? May we invite ourselves to dinner?



Think Use what you learned from reading the drama to respond to the following questions.

- 1** The box below contains traits and details from *Robin Hood and the Mournful Knight*.

Traits	Details from the Drama
adventurous	"Surely, Sir Knight, this is too much!"
fair	"Unlock the treasure chest and count out four hundred pounds."
suspicious	"You may give them to the next few paupers you meet."
polite	"Welcome, gentle knight."
generous	"I hope he isn't keeping company with swindlers these days."

In the chart below, write character traits from the box that describe Robin Hood. Then add details from the box to support your answers. You will not use every detail or trait.

Traits	Details from the Drama

- 2** Read the sentence from the passage.

If I ever return to Sherwood Forest, I shall certainly repay your kindness.

What does the prefix *re-* mean in the word repay?

- A in
- B not
- C back
- D half

3 This question has two parts. First, answer Part A. Then answer Part B.

Part A

Which phrase **best** describes character traits of Will Scarlet?

- A** distrustful, but rude
- B** careful, but peculiar
- C** easily fooled, but wise
- D** suspicious, but kind

Part B

Choose **three** details from the text that **best** support your answer in Part A.

- A** "You are surely a landowner."
- B** "He lies! All these gentlefolk lie through their teeth."
- C** "I've never seen a knight in such rags!"
- D** "Choose a shade of blue that will match his eyes."
- E** "Shall he not have cloth for a new coat, Robin?"
- F** "Let me search his saddlebags, Master Robin."

 **Write**

Describe the character traits of the Knight in Scenes 1 and 2. How and why does he change?

- 4 Plan Your Response** What are the details that tell you about the Knight in each scene? Use a chart to organize your thoughts about the Knight and how he changes.
- 5 Write an Extended Response** Describe the character traits of the Knight in Scenes 1 and 2. Use your chart and details from the text to support your description of how he changes.

Multiplying a Four-Digit Number by a One-Digit Number

Name: _____

Estimate. Circle all the problems that will have products between 18,000 and 32,000. Then find the exact products of only the problems you circled. Show your work.

1 $8,491 \times 2 =$ _____

2 $6,148 \times 4 =$ _____

3 $7,062 \times 5 =$ _____

4 $4,362 \times 5 =$ _____

5 $1,789 \times 8 =$ _____

6 $2,206 \times 9 =$ _____

7 $7,218 \times 4 =$ _____

8 $9,821 \times 3 =$ _____

9 $4,762 \times 6 =$ _____

10 $6,739 \times 6 =$ _____

11 $7,964 \times 4 =$ _____

12 $3,618 \times 7 =$ _____

13 What strategies did you use to solve the problems? Explain.

Multiplying by Two-Digit Numbers

Name: _____

Estimate each multiplication problem to check if the student's answer is reasonable. If not, cross out the answer and write the correct answer.

Multiplication Problems	Student Answers
14×17	2,380 Estimate: $14 \times 20 = 280$ 238
15×19	285
21×18	3,078
16×13	28