

Unit 1

Selections for Practice

Selection 1

Permission Granted

A man in the village was going away for the day to visit his sister in a neighboring town. Before departing, he left a flagon of milk with his neighbor, who was to take care of it for him while he was away.

When he returned that night, he found the jug empty and was mad as a hatter! He confronted his neighbor, who began arguing with him. Eventually, the disagreement led to a lawsuit, and the matter was brought to the local judge to decide.

The man, an obstinate bull, wanted the neighbor to compensate him for the loss of the milk. The neighbor, though, said it was not his fault that the milk was gone because the flies had consumed it. After listening to their arguments, the judge decided in favor of the man, telling the neighbor, "You should have killed the flies when you saw them."

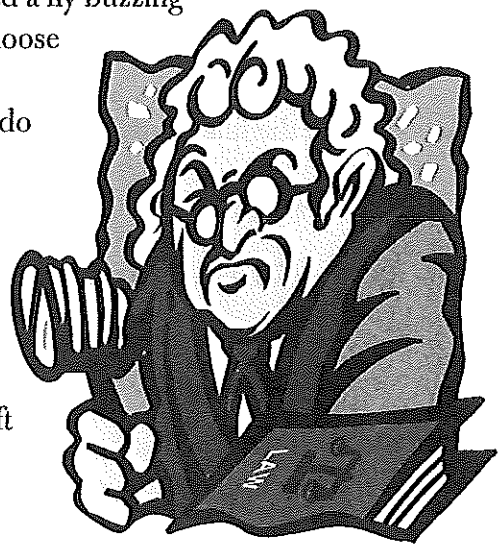
"Am I to understand that you are giving me permission to exterminate flies, your honor?" the neighbor asked.

"Of course," the judge replied. "You can kill flies anywhere you find them."

Just as the judge was saying this, the neighbor noticed a fly buzzing around the head of the judge. Leaning forward, he let loose with a mighty slap, killing the fly, but knocking the adjudicator out of his chair in the same swoop. "What do you think you're doing?" the judge roared as he got back up.

"Following your instructions, your honor," he replied.

Realizing that he had just given the neighbor permission to do exactly what he did, the judge was left no recourse.



1a. Read this sentence from the passage.

Before departing, he left a flagon of milk with his neighbor, who was to take care of it for him while he was away.

What is a *flagon*?

- (A) a type of cow
- (B) a key to a lock
- (C) a kind of jug
- (D) a member of one's family

1b. Read this sentence from the passage.

“Am I to understand that you are giving me permission to exterminate flies, your honor?” the neighbor asked.

What do you do when you *exterminate* a fly?

- (A) you kill it
- (B) you feed it
- (C) you provide water for it to drink
- (D) you move it to another location

1c. Choose the line from this passage that contains a simile.

- (A) “What do you think you’re doing?” the judge roared as he got back up.
- (B) When he returned that night, he found the jug empty and was mad as a hatter!
- (C) Eventually, the disagreement led to a lawsuit, and the matter was brought to the local judge to decide.
- (D) Realizing that he had just given the neighbor permission to do exactly what he did, the judge was left no recourse.

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- 1d. Which line from this passage contains a metaphor?
- Ⓐ The neighbor, though, said it was not his fault that the milk was gone because the flies had consumed it.
 - Ⓑ A man in the village was going away for the day to visit his sister in a neighboring town.
 - Ⓒ “Of course,” the judge replied. “You can kill flies anywhere you find them.
 - Ⓓ The man, an obstinate bull, wanted the neighbor to compensate him for the loss of the milk.

1e. A *parent* is to *disagreeing* children as _____ is to the *quarreling neighbors*.

- Ⓐ the man
- Ⓑ the neighbor
- Ⓒ the judge
- Ⓓ the fly

1f. What is an *adjudicator*?

- Ⓐ an exterminator
- Ⓑ a person who makes decisions about the law
- Ⓒ someone who likes to drink milk
- Ⓓ a person who deals with finances



Selection 2

Up-hill

by Christina Rossetti

Does the road wind up-hill all the way?
Yes, to the very end.
Will the day's journey take the whole long day?
From morn to night, my friend.

But is there for the night a resting-place?
A roof for when the slow dark hours begin.
May not the darkness hide it from my face?
You cannot miss that inn.

Shall I meet other wayfarers at night?
Those who have gone before.
Then must I knock, or call when just in sight?
They will not keep you standing at that door.

Shall I find comfort, travel-sore and weak?
Of labour you shall find the sum.
Will there be beds for me and all who seek?
Yea, beds for all who come.



2a. Read these lines from the poem.

**Shall I meet other wayfarers at night?
Those who have gone before.**

What is a *wayfarer*?

- (A) an innkeeper
- (B) a traveler
- (C) an animal
- (D) a storyteller

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2b. A person that is *travel-sore* is

- Ⓐ suffering from a skin condition
- Ⓑ experiencing a pain that travels from one part of the body to another
- Ⓒ tired from a journey
- Ⓓ angry because he had to make a journey

2c. An *inn* is to a *traveler* as a _____ is to an *automobile*.

- Ⓐ highway
- Ⓑ parking lot
- Ⓒ factory
- Ⓓ race track

2d. Choose the sentence that contains a metaphor.

- Ⓐ The narrator is a rock.
- Ⓑ The narrator is reassuring.
- Ⓒ The narrator does not get upset with the person asking so many questions.
- Ⓓ The narrator is kindly.

