

Pronounce & Spell

Wisconsin
scattered
fierce

hollow
whole
howled

crawled
cellar
wolves

barrel
hickory
Pepin

Vocabulary: Write the meaning of each bold word or phrase.

1. Foxes had **dens** in the hills and deer **roamed** everywhere.

a) _____

b) _____

2. Jack, the **brindle** bulldog, lay on guard

3. That day, Pa and Ma and Laura and Mary had fresh **venison** for dinner.

4. The deer and the rabbits would be shy and **swift**.

5. The green chips **smoldered** and filled the hollow log with thick, choking smoke.

6. But the light was **dim** and in his **haste** he missed the bear.

a) _____

b) _____

Activity

To **compare** things means to tell how they are **alike**. To **contrast** things means to tell how they are **different**. Think about the list below and then compare and contrast:

- the food you eat and the food Laura's family might eat
- how you usually get your food and how Laura's family got theirs
- where your food is stored and where Laura's food was stored

Comprehension Questions

1. If you travel to the north of the Little House in the Big Woods, what will you find?

What will you find to the east and to the west? _____

2. List the people who live in the Little House. _____

3. What sounds can Laura hear at night from her trundle bed? _____

4. Laura feels safe in her solid cabin when she hears the wolves. What makes her feel safe?

5. Jack paced _____ and _____ before the _____, _____.

The hair _____ along his _____ and he showed his _____,

_____ teeth to the _____.

6. Where do the children play when the rain drums on the roof? _____

7. How does Laura know winter is coming? _____

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built	handkerchief	pot-liquor	lard
bladder	cautiously	bristles	dangled
iron	tongue	busy	sausage

Vocabulary: Write the meaning of each bold word or phrase.

1. Pa and Uncle Henry built a bonfire, and heated a great **kettle** of water over it.

2. [They] lifted it up and down in the boiling water until it was well **scalded**.

3. The hams and the shoulders were put to **pickle in brine**.

4. They could throw it into the air and **spat** it back and forth with their hands.

5. into the large end he **thrust** a sharpened stick.

6. She would use them to flavor **johnny-cake** later.

7. "You must never **interrupt**," said Pa.

Activity

Laura lived far away from her aunts, uncles, and cousins. They could not call each other or send emails. Laura's family had to write letters when they had news to share.

Pretend you are Laura or her Pa. Write a letter to someone in your family and tell them about Butchering Time. Be sure to include the fun thing Pa did with the pig's bladder.

Comprehension Questions

1. Why must Mary and Laura play in the house after Butchering Time?

2. What kind of doll does Laura have? _____

3. Laura's doll is named _____ and Mary's is _____.

4. While he _____ the traps, _____ told Laura and _____ little jokes and _____, and afterward he would _____.

5. Who is Black Susan? _____

6. Why does Black Susan go through the cat door quickly?

7. What does Pa tell Laura about interrupting? _____

8. At night, when all the work is done, Pa takes out his fiddle and begins to play. It is the
