

VOCABULARY DEVELOPMENT

Too Soon a Woman

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Context Clues

Using context clues and definitions from your Vocabulary words to guide you, circle the word that correctly completes each sentence. Underline any context clues that help you determine the answer.

EXAMPLE: The family had been depending on (*teamsters*, *venison*), but when Pa went to hunt for game, he found no deer and had to beg for food from some home-steaders.

1. The few pieces of mushroom provided a (*skimpy*, *gaunt*) meal, but compared to eating nothing at all, it was a feast.
2. Because there was so little food and no money, Pa was reluctant to let Mary join the family, and his (*grudging*, *savoring*) behavior showed it.
3. The horse, too, had suffered from insufficient food, and its (*rummaged*, *gaunt*) body quickly grew tired.
4. The children's grunts of satisfaction indicated that they were (*savoring*, *grudging*) the pieces of delicious barbecued porcupine.
5. Forks, spoons, and empty cans rattled as Mary (*rummaged*, *skimpy*) in the food bin, searching for the container of porcupine fat.

On Your Own

Now you try it. Work with a partner and create five sentences with your Vocabulary words. The sentences should provide context clues and tell a brief story. Exchange papers with classmates and compare your sentences.

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