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**1 Complete the text. Choose the correct words. There are two extra words.**

ma'am    upset    breath    pack    depression    line    caseworkers    foster home

“Here we go again,” I thought.

We were all standing in line waiting for breakfast when one of the <sup>1</sup> ..... came in. This was bad news. Either they wanted to send someone to a <sup>2</sup> ..... or somebody was in trouble. All the children watched her as she walked down the <sup>3</sup> .....

Oh no! She stopped at me. “Are you Buddy Caldwell?” she asked.

“It’s Bud, not Buddy, <sup>4</sup> .....,” I said.

She took me out of the line. Then, she took Jerry, one of the smaller boys, out of the line, too.

“Are you Jerry Clark?” she asked.

Jerry nodded.

“Good news, boys!” she said. “You’re both going to new foster homes this afternoon!”

“Together?” Jerry asked. I was thinking the same thing.

“No,” said the caseworker. “You’ll be in different homes. Jerry, you’ll be in a family with three girls. Bud, you’re going to live with the Amoses. They have a twelve-year-old son. He’s only two years older than you. I’m sure that you and Jerry will both be very happy in your new homes.”

I looked at Jerry, and he looked at me.

“Don’t look so sad. There’s a <sup>5</sup> ....., and you two are very lucky to find homes,” said the caseworker.

Me and Jerry went to our room to <sup>6</sup> ..... our suitcases. Jerry sat on his bed, and I could see that he was trying not to cry. I sat down next to him.

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**2 List the three things that Bud did not care about when he hit Todd Amos in Chapter One.**

a .....

b .....

c .....

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**3 Complete the text with the missing words.**

The only thing I could hear was my own breath. It was <sup>1</sup> ..... loud, it sounded like there were six people in the shed with me. I closed my eyes and tried to slow down my breathing. That was when I had a thought.

Maybe the door <sup>2</sup> ..... locked.

I started to see a little better in the dark, and I reached out to try to open the door. Then I quickly pulled my hand away. There were three dried fish heads on the door. <sup>3</sup> ..... head had a wide-open mouth with long teeth. They looked like they were ready to eat me!

I turned away from the door and looked <sup>4</sup> ..... the shed. I was sure that it was full of all kinds of bugs. I remembered my best friend, Bugs. A bug got into his ear one night at the Home. Four adults tried to get the bug out, but they couldn't. After about fifteen minutes of trying, they took Bugs to the hospital, and the doctors took it out. That was <sup>5</sup> ..... people started calling him Bugs.

Bugs screamed a lot while it was happening, and I didn't want that to happen to me. It was difficult to imagine those stupid Amoses taking me to the hospital to get the bug out.

I found a place that I thought was safe <sup>6</sup> ..... the bugs and put my blanket on the ground. Then I lay down and tried to sleep.

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**4 Complete the sentences about Chapter Two. Use one, two, three, or four words.**

- 1 When Bud opened his eyes, he could see ..... ever saw at the top of the shed.
- 2 He did not want him ..... wake up.
- 3 He ran to the window ..... get out.
- 4 He could not allow the vampire bat to wake up ..... blood.
- 5 Bud closed his eyes and ..... hard.
- 6 He reached his hand to his face and he was ..... hornet!

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**5 Tick  five true things about Chapters Two and Three.**

- 1  Bud ran at the door and pushed it down easily.
- 2  His hand went into the mouth of the biggest fish head on the door, and his teeth cut his fingers.
- 3  A hornet flew into his mouth and hurt him.
- 4  He fell out the window and lay on the grass.
- 5  He was angry at himself for thinking that there was a bat in the shed.
- 6  He decided to get his revenge on the Amoses.
- 7  He pulled a blanket down and put all the water on Todd.
- 8  He went inside the library and opened his suitcase.
- 9  He found a blanket near the Christmas trees.
- 10  His suitcase was empty because the Amoses stole his things.

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**6 Read the questions about Chapter Four. Choose the correct answers (a, b, or c).**

- 1 What happened when Bud got to the mission?
  - a He could not join the line.
  - b He joined the line.
  - c It was closed.
- 2 Who helped Bud?
  - a A man in the line.
  - b A man who worked at the mission.
  - c A woman in the line.
- 3 What did the signs inside the mission say?
  - a Please take your food and leave the building.
  - b There's no place like America today!
  - c We are sorry, but we have no work here.
- 4 Where was Miss Hill?
  - a At home.
  - b In Chicago.
  - c In the library.
- 5 Why was she there?
  - a She found a new job.
  - b She got married.
  - c She was ill.
- 6 When was Miss Hill coming back?
  - a The next day.
  - b In fifty-four hours.
  - c We do not know.

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**7 Complete the conversation. Choose the best answers (a–h) below. There are two extra answers.**

Deza: What's your name?

Bud: <sup>1</sup>.....

Deza: I'm Deza Malone. Where's your momma and daddy?

Bud: <sup>2</sup>.....

Deza: Sorry to hear that. Where's your daddy?

Bud: <sup>3</sup>.....

Deza: I'm sorry to hear that.

Bud: <sup>4</sup>.....

Deza: No, it's not, and don't pretend that it is.

Bud: <sup>5</sup>.....

Deza: I know that you are. Families are the most important thing that there is. My daddy says that!

Bud: <sup>6</sup>.....

- a My mother said that, too. She told me...
- b My mother died four years ago.
- c It's OK.
- d I think that he lives in Grand Rapids. I've never met him.
- e I ran away from the Amos house, and I don't want to go back to the Home.
- f I'm not pretending!
- g I didn't think about that.
- h Bud, not Buddy.

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**8 Answer the questions. Choose numbers from the box.**

a few      one      four      five      eight      twenty-four      four hundred

1 How many rocks did Bud have in his tobacco bag?

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2 How many cop cars were there between the people and the train?

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3 How many cops were standing between them and the train?

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4 How many trains were going west in the next month?

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5 How many men did the cop say were out there?

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6 How many hours did it take to walk to Grand Rapids?

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7 How many minutes outside Flint was Bud when everything changed?

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**9 Read these sentences about Chapter Seven. Write T (true) or F (false) or DS (does not say).**

- 1 There were six men sitting in a circle on a little stage. ....
- 2 The men were all looking worried. ....
- 3 One man spoke just like Bud. ....
- 4 He was telling the others a funny story. ....
- 5 The man was angry with Bud. ....
- 6 Bud thought that his father's name was Lefty Lewis. ....

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**10 Write Doug, Eddie, Miss Thomas, or Roy.**

- 1 "This is ....., our drummer."
- 2 "This is ..... 'Steady' Patrick. He plays the saxophone."
- 3 "And this is ..... He plays piano."
- 4 "Bud, this is ....., our singer."

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**11 Tick  nine things in Bud's room in Grand Calloway Station in Chapter Nine.**

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|----------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|--------|--------------------------|--------|--------------------------|
| bed            | <input type="checkbox"/> | boy's clothes | <input type="checkbox"/> | chair  | <input type="checkbox"/> | closet | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| girl's clothes | <input type="checkbox"/> | lamp          | <input type="checkbox"/> | mirror | <input type="checkbox"/> | piano  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| pictures       | <input type="checkbox"/> | recorder      | <input type="checkbox"/> | stage  | <input type="checkbox"/> | table  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| toys           | <input type="checkbox"/> | window        | <input type="checkbox"/> |        |                          |        |                          |

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12 Complete the text. Choose the correct words (a, b, c, or d).

I was cleaning the floor of the Log Cabin <sup>1</sup>

- a what
- b when
- c which
- d while

the band was waiting for Miss Thomas,

Mr. Jimmy, and Herman E. Calloway.

Herman E. Calloway was giving me a lot of chores. He gave me the chores because he wanted me

<sup>2</sup>

- a left
- b leave
- c leaving
- d to leave

. But the chores he gave me were so easy, they were almost fun.

“One, two, one, two, three!”

I looked up.

Doug the Thug was hitting a metal circle next to his drums. It made a sound <sup>3</sup>

- a as
- b like
- c likes
- d same

soft rain

falling on a roof. Then Roy started to play the piano like it was a special drum. It sounded like heavy

rain on the ground. Steady Eddie started moving his fingers <sup>4</sup>

- a soft
- b softer
- c softly
- d softest

, in time with the piano

and drum. He put his saxophone in his mouth and blew. He blew one long sound like a deep, sad cry.

It was <sup>5</sup>

- a a beautiful
- b a more beautiful
- c the most beautiful
- d the most

sound in the world.

I just stood there watching and listening. I didn't hear Miss Thomas, Mr. Jimmy, and Herman E.

Calloway walking in <sup>6</sup>

- a behind
- b between
- c over
- d through

me.

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**13** For each question about Chapter Ten choose the correct answer, A (*Herman*), B (*Jimmy*), or C (*Miss Thomas*).

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Who said nothing?   | A | B | C |
| 2 Who told Bud things were looking good?                            | A | B | C |
| 3 Who picked up a horn and started playing?                         | A | B | C |
| 4 Who sat down, closed their eyes, and started nodding their head?  | A | B | C |
| 5 Who stood next to the giant fiddle and began to play it?          | A | B | C |
| 6 Whose voice felt like the sun cutting through thick, gray clouds? | A | B | C |
| 7 Who sang a slow, beautiful, but sad song?                         | A | B | C |

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**14** Answer the questions about Chapter Eleven. Each question has two answers.

- 1 What can black men not do, which means the band needs one white person in it?
- a .....
- b .....
- 2 What do most people have in the glovebox of their car?
- a .....
- b .....
- 3 What kind of rocks did Herman keep in his glovebox?
- a .....
- b .....

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**15** Complete the information about Bud's mother from Chapter Twelve.

**First names:** 1 .....

**Last name:** 2 .....

**Bud was:** 3 ..... when she died.

**She looked:** 4 ....., 5 .....,  
and thin like Bud.

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**16 Match the questions with the answers. Draw lines between them.**

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| 1 What did the band buy Bud?                       | a Steady Eddie.            |
| 2 Who is going to help Bud practice?               | b On his mother's old bed. |
| 3 Where did Bud put his new saxophone?             | c Happy.                   |
| 4 Where did Bud put his new picture of his mother? | d A saxophone.             |
| 5 How did Bud feel?                                | e On the table.            |

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**17 Complete the sentences. Use comparative adjectives formed from the adjectives in brackets.**

- They were ..... (**kind**) than Herman E. Calloway, but I walked across the room to his table.
- "Yes, ma'am," I said. "I'm a lot ..... (**strong**) than I look."
- "If you're going to travel with us, you need to carry something ..... (**nice**) than a cardboard suitcase."
- Sleepy LaBone was ..... (**good**) than all the other names people called me, like Buddy or Clarence.
- He sounded ..... (**mean**) than ever before.

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**18 Circle the correct relative pronouns.**

- And that's **how** / **what** I started to believe that Herman E. Calloway was my daddy.
- That's **what** / **why** she left me the flyers.
- I didn't want a daddy **which** / **who** was so old and mean.
- "No one knew **where** / **who** your mother went."
- I could remember the way Momma spoke to me and helped me **that** / **when** I was sick.
- "I can show you **what** / **why** she looks like. I've still got her picture."

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**19 Complete the sentences. Write the correct indefinite pronouns formed with *some*, *any*, *every*, or *no*.**

- I heard a loud noise, and it felt like ..... very hot suddenly hit my face.
- I put Todd's hand in the water, but ..... happened. I tried a few more times, but it didn't work.
- I was free from the Amoses, but I didn't have ..... to go.
- "How long does it take for ..... to walk to Chicago from here?" I asked.



- 5 ..... here is just like you. We're all tired, hungry, and worried about tomorrow," said the man.
- 6 ..... steals in Hooverville. We all look after other people here."
- 7 "Those rocks he picks up ..... he plays are for her."
- 8 I didn't think that Herman E. Calloway could love ..... at all.

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**20 Match the words in the box with the definitions.**

shed      chore      trick      upset      fold      revenge      joke      pocket

- 1 To say funny things. ....
- 2 Sad or worried about something that has happened. ....
- 3 You get this when you do something bad to someone because they did something bad to you. ....
- 4 You do this to clothes, pieces of paper, etc., by pressing one part of them over another part. ....
- 5 A job that you must often do, like cleaning. ....
- 6 A building, often made of wood, in a garden or on a farm. ....
- 7 When you tell someone something that is not true and they believe you. ....
- 8 A place inside trousers, a coat, etc. where you can put things. ....

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