

# ANSWERS

Note: The wording of the students' sentences will vary but should include the information (detail).

## Chapter 1

### Page 1 A

<u>Word</u>	<u>Part of Speech</u>
a. cringe	verb
b. sycamore	adjective
c. buckshot	noun
d. gristmill	noun
e. ford	noun
f. rattly	adjective

### Page 1 B

1. ford
2. sycamore
3. buckshot
4. cringe
5. gristmill
6. rattly

### Page 2 C

These characters must be listed in order. Traits or facts may vary.

1. Marty - 11 years old, March birthday, boy, son, brother, kind, shot gun but not at living things, cared about animals
2. Ma - wanted her kids to eat slowly, cooks big Sunday suppers
3. Dara Lynn - one of Marty's sisters, said what she thinks, dips her bread
4. Mr. (Ray) Preston/Dad - shot animals for food, gave Marty a .22 on his 11th birthday
5. Becky - Marty's other sister, eats fast
6. Shiloh - shorthaired beagle, white with brown spots, nervous, follows Marty, comes when you whistle

### Page 3 D

1. When:

- The story takes place in the present.
- All the verbs are present tense.

Where:

- It took place in the country.
- They could shoot things there.
- They lived high in the hills above Friendly.
- Wild animals lived around them.
- The towns are Sistersville, Wheeling, and Parkersburg.
- These towns are in West Virginia.

### Page 3 E

1. a. A person named Marty Preston is the narrator.  
b. • His mother called him 'Marty.'  
• He called himself 'I' in the story.
2. Students need these 2 answers.
  - Dara Lynn dipped bread in cold tea.
  - Becky's beans were pushed off her plate.
3. Students need 1 of these answers.
  - a. • He didn't like that it was shot in the neck.  
• He couldn't eat it after hearing it probably didn't die quickly.
  - b. He didn't want animals to suffer.
4. Students need 2 of these answers.
  - Shiloh followed Marty at a distance.
  - He stopped when Marty stopped.
  - He backed off when Marty was close to him.
  - He was completely quiet.