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**Where the Red Fern Grows**

Chapter 8

Answer the following questions in **FULL and COMPLETE sentences!!**

1. How does Billy feel when hunting season opens?

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2. What events in your life make you feel the same way?

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3. What is your first clue that Little Ann and Old Dan are great hunting dogs?

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4. When the dogs trap the raccoon in the old sycamore tree, Billy cuts "the giant" down. Do you agree with his decision? Why or why not?

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**Vocabulary: Write the definition for each word.**

1. determination:

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2. grief:

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3. mischievous:

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4. leverage:

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5. resistance:

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6. Discard:

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**Vocabulary:** On the provided lines, write the matching vocabulary word for each definition.

leverage	grief	mischievous	discard	determination	resistance
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1. She looked up. I saw all the worry and \_\_\_\_\_leave her eyes. Her head bowed down.
2. At first I thought one of my pups had awakened me by moving and whimpering. I \_\_\_\_\_this thought, for I could see that they were both fast asleep.
3. With my three traps and a bulldogged \_\_\_\_\_, I set out to trap Mister Ringtail. For three solid weeks I practically lived on the river.
4. With a \_\_\_\_\_little smile on his face, he said, "You wouldn't think a fellow could catch a coon with this brace and bit, would you?"
5. It wasn't hard to find places for my traps. All along the river, large sycamore logs lay partly \_\_\_\_\_in the clear blue water.
6. One of the favorite tricks of a smart old ringtail is the tree-barking trick. This he accomplished by running far up on the side of a tree and using his stout legs for \_\_\_\_\_, springing twenty or thirty feet away before touching the ground. Dumb hounds trail up to the tree and start bawling treed.

**Literary Device: Simile**

Similes are often used to make descriptions more vivid and interesting. Tell what the meaning of each sentence that contains a simile.

1. He worked like a beaver.  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Every nerve in my body was drawn up as tight as a fiddlestring.  
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3. White sheets of water, knocked high in the moonlight by churning feet, gleamed like thousands of tiny white stars.  
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