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Where the Red Fern Grows

Chapter 9

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

1. Why is Billy so determined to cut down the tree and get the raccoon?

2. When did you last feel as determined as Billy does to achieve a difficult task? Explain

3. How would you describe the relationship between Old Dan and Little Ann?

4. Billy describes killing the coon as “savage and brutal.” Do you think people should hunt animals? Why or why not?

Writing Activity:

Answer the following in a well thought out paragraph.

1. Chopping down the sycamore tree presented a tremendous challenge to Billy. Several times he became discouraged and was ready to give up. Tell about a time when you faced a great challenge or obstacle. Tell why you took on the challenge and what problems you faced. Did you succeed in what you were trying to do? What did you gain or learn from the experience?

Vocabulary: Write the letter from each word with its meaning on the right. Then use the numbered words to fill in the blanks in the sentences below.

_____1. sycamore	a. Shade tree with smooth bark
_____2.prowling	b. Popular fashion
_____3. numb	c. assurance, trust
_____4. limber	d. Trembling; shaking
_____5.confidence	e. Lacking physical strength or emotional feeling
_____6. quivering	f. Strength or force that keeps growing
_____7.Fad	g. Moving about in a sneaky fashion
_____8. Momentum	h. Flexible; easily bent

1. The car's _____increased as it rolled down the steep hill.
2. The athletes stretched and ran in place to keep their bodies _____.
3. The police questioned the man they found _____ around my house after dark.
4. It is pleasant to sit under the cool shade of the _____on a hot day.
5. The child's body was _____ in fear as he approached the high diving board for the first time.
6. After losing our house and all our possessions in the flood, we think we will be _____ to all other natural disasters.
7. Your encouragement gave me the _____to try out for the basketball team.
8. You do not have to worry if you dislike today's fashion _____ because it will disappear shortly to be replaced by another that seems just as foolish.