

Behind the High Board Fence

Chapter 1—The Sharps earn their way

1. What is the purpose of the apostrophe in the Sharps' name?

- A to show ownership of more than one person
- B to show ownership of only one person
- C to show more than one person in a group
- D to show only one person in a group

2. How many children are in the Sharp family?

- A 2
- B 6
- C 8
- D 12

3. Which best describes Cal?

- A a careless student
- B a clever charmer
- C a dependable worker
- D a shy follower

4. Which is the best example of foreshadowing?

- A Eventually Mother came in to help.
- B The fire was low in the big wood stove.
- C Mother didn't know that Cal's plans would make trouble for him and Joe.
- D Harry worked at the YMCA downtown, and Mabel at a department store.

5. Which best describes the Sharp family?

- A enthusiastic readers
- B fashion leaders
- C hard workers
- D world travelers

6. Which is most like the relationship below?

Mother : seamstress

- A Mabel : clerk
- B Helen : stockings
- C Joe and Cal : newspapers
- D Early sisters : chirp and cluck

7. Which best completes the graphic organizer?

Meaning #1	Pun	Meaning #2
?	The Early sisters were called the 'Early Birds' because they seemed to 'chirp and cluck' as they talked.	Early was the sisters' name.

- A 'Chirp and cluck' is the name of a popular cooked breakfast cereal.
- B 'Chirp and cluck' are the bird-like sounds the sisters made when talking.
- C 'Chirp and cluck' is the noise birds made when nesting in the secret tree.
- D 'Chirp and cluck' are the sounds the sisters' shoes made coming down the stairs.

8. Which remains unexplained in the chapter?

- A how the dishes were washed
- B how the sewing machine worked
- C the importance of the secret tree
- D why Helen took off her stockings

Discuss and write about each chapter, completing open-ended sentences, such as:

1. I learned...

2. I predict...

3. I felt...because...

4. I thought...because...

5. I liked the way the writer (or illustrator)....