e. __1__ A thunderstorm was coming.

f. _____ Uncle John and his son Dan tried to pull the yearling into the barn.

g. _____ The yearling ran straight into the barn.

h. _____ Ted and I went to the meadow to get the cows.

Answering Questions About the Story

Read these questions, think about the answers, and then discuss the answers with your classmates.

1. What time did Uncle John come to town to pick up the bean-pickers?
2. Why didn't he come earlier?
3. Why did the children wear light-colored shirts with long sleeves?
4. How much can a gunnysack hold?
5. What other use did they have for gunnysacks besides holding beans?
6. How much does a gunnysack weigh?
7. Who was Dan?
8. Why did Mrs. Miller go to pick beans?
9. How did Mrs. Miller help the storyteller?
10. Who was Peggy?

Drawing Conclusions from the Story

Which of these statements are probably true, from the information in the story? Write *true* or *false* in the blank in front of each sentence.

1. _____ Uncle John sold the beans for three cents a pound.
2. _____ Beans are ready to pick in July.
3. _____ Uncle John needed a lot of clean empty gunnysacks every day.
4. _____ An adult could earn between five and ten dollars a day working on a farm.

5. _____ Children are better workers than adults.

6. _____ The noon sun can be dangerous.

7. _____ Children like to play.

8. _____ A lot of noise can be frightening.

9. _____ Hawks eat turkeys.

10. _____ Some people can "feel" others looking at them.

11. _____ The turkeys settled into the grass to sleep when they heard the whirring sound.

12. _____ The sky gets light before a thunderstorm.

13. _____ It is dangerous for cows to be in a meadow during a bad thunderstorm.

14. _____ Horses don't ever go into a barn.

15. _____ All cows are stubborn.

Finding the Meaning in Context

Which meaning is closest to the underlined word or words? Circle *a, b, c,* or *d.*

1. I learned a lot about having <u>a goal</u> in life from picking beans on the farm.
   a. motivation
   b. common sense
   c. a good lunch
   d. another lesson

2. The gunnysacks weighed two pounds, so Uncle John <u>took off</u> two pounds from the weight of the full bags to weigh just the beans.
   a. figured out
   b. hired
   c. deducted
   d. stretched out

3. The turkeys were frightened by us when we woke up. They made a <u>lot of noise</u>.
   a. dark
   b. dairy
   c. day
   d. din