

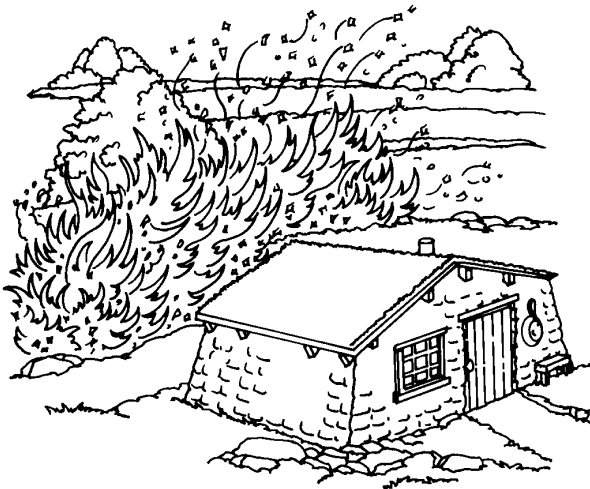
Family Times

Name _____

Summary

Heroic Girl Saves Brother and Herself

It's hard enough for a nine-year-old girl to take care of herself, her little brother, and a family friend's farm for two days. Then a prairie fire breaks out, and nothing will stop it. Addie remembers her father's advice—go where there's nothing to burn. So Addie takes her brother and heads for the well. What a spot to be in!



Activity

Act It Out. Have your child take the role of Addie or her brother Burt and act out the rest of the story, including the rescue.

Reading Skills

Character

Characters are the people or animals in a story. The main characters in “Addie in Charge” are Addie and Burt. You can learn about characters by what they think, do, and say. In a crisis, Addie stays calm and does the right thing.

You can also learn about characters from how other characters treat them and what they say about them. When the others return, they praise Addie for her courage and intelligence.



Activity

Tell a Story. Think of an exciting adventure of a heroic young girl and her brother. Have family members take turns telling a sentence or two of the story. Each person continues where the previous person left off. Remember to include details about the main characters.

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Tested Vocabulary

Words to Know

Knowing the meanings of these words is important to reading "Addie in Charge." Practice using these words to learn their meanings.

bellows makes a loud, deep noise

billows great waves of smoke, flame, or sound

crouched stooped low with bent legs

smarted felt or caused sharp pain

tufts bunches of feathers, hair, or grass held together

Grammar

Compound and Complex Sentences

A **simple sentence** has one complete thought.

A **compound sentence** contains two simple sentences joined by a comma and a conjunction, such as *and*, *but*, or *or*. **Addie hid in the well, and she took Burt with her.**

A **complex sentence** contains a simple sentence and a group of words that cannot stand on its own, with a connecting word such as *because* or *when*. **When the fire came close, Addie and Burt hid.**

Activity

Keeping Score. Read a favorite short story. Keep score of how many compound and complex sentences you find. Which kind of sentence was used most often?

Tested Spelling Words

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