

## Building Vocabulary

Each underlined definition in these sentences can be replaced with a word from the selection. Find that word in the paragraph given, and write it.

1. Because of the impending blizzard, we canceled our plans. (paragraph 1)
2. The miller blew dust off his clothes with a hand-operated device for blowing air. (paragraph 3)
3. When the oil well ignited, it quickly became an intense, raging fire. (paragraph 3)
4. Your words were felt stingingly by everyone in the room. (paragraph 3)
5. Try not to remove courage from the child when he comes to see you. (paragraph 6)
6. Leon found it hard to start talking about his plans for the trip. (paragraph 9)
7. The grocer's abrupt, curt manner will not win him many customers. (paragraph 10)
8. Climbing this mountain is no task for the timid. (paragraph 10)
9. The apostle Paul's letter to Philemon is a remarkably skilled work of affection and persuasion. (paragraph 16)
10. Little Joel shrank back at the thought of crossing the lawn in the dark. (paragraph 17)

## Comprehending and Appreciating

Write the letter of the best choice.

11. The smith's helper showed what he thought of the smith by
  - a. telling Alfred that the smith would see to him shortly.
  - b. pumping the bellows vigorously.
  - c. producing enough sparks to burn the smith.
  - d. rushing for the door.
12. "Just sit and watch a spell" means to
  - a. watch for a period of time.
  - b. take your turn at watching.
  - c. watch the smith do a spell of work.
  - d. watch until the rainy spell is over.
13. Even worse than being out in a thunderstorm, Alfred thought, was having to face
  - a. the crackling forge.
  - b. the smith's temper.
  - c. the helper's disdain.
  - d. difficult questions about his faith.