

*Behind the High Board Fence*

Chapter 13—Sharps receive ‘best’ gifts

1. What is the purpose of the apostrophe in the term ‘the family’s parlor’?

- A to show location
- B to show ownership by one family
- C to show missing letters in a word
- D to show a number

2. What did the piano music indicate?

- A They were nearing the church.
- B Alan was the family musician.
- C Christmas morning had come.
- D The tree had been decorated.

3. Which best describes the characteristics of fire?

- A beneficial and dangerous
- B warm and cozy
- C colorful and lively
- D destructive and deadly

4. Which best describes Harry and Alan?

- A clever playmates
- B fine musicians
- C good musicians
- D quick thinkers

5. Why did Papa give Helen an extra pat?

- A He knew she cherished her Christmas doll.
- B He knew she had made the Christmas dolls.
- C He knew she was disappointed about the tree.
- D He knew she was remembering the brimstone fire.

6. Which best describes the family’s Christmas presents?

- A expensive
- B gaudy
- C simple
- D shameful

7. Which best describes the purpose of the chapter?

- A to recommend sharing during holidays
- B to reveal the dangers of using fire indoors
- C to explain the pleasure of holiday trees and music
- D to share the Sharp family's holiday customs

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)...