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# Where the Red Fern Grows



## Chapters 7 - 8



### Initial thoughts:

Predict what you think will happen when Billy takes the dogs out coon hunting for the first time.


### ABC Vocabulary:

Draw a straight line to connect the vocabulary word to its synonym or definition. Remember to use a straight edge (like a ruler).

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| 1. peculiarity | a. assurance   |
| 2. restore     | b. meant       |
| 3. confidence  | c. revulsion   |
| 4. deflate     | d. persuade    |
| 5. intended    | e. abnormality |
| 6. persistence | f. realm       |
| 7. disgust     | g. satisfy     |
| 8. convince    | h. fix         |
| 9. domain      | i. tenacity    |
| 10. fulfill    | j. reduce      |

## Questions



Indicate whether the following statements are **True** or **False**.

1. Billy's dad showed him how to catch a raccoon using only a brace bit and a few nails.	True or False
2. A raccoon is a curious animal.	True or False
3. Billy's dad told him that it takes at least two weeks before human scent dies away from a set trap.	True or False
4. Even though they were only pups they easily beat the trapped raccoon in a fight.	True or False
5. Billy's sisters were upset to see their dad kill the raccoon.	True or False
6. One of the favorite tricks of a smart old ringtail is the tree barking trick.	True or False
7. Billy learned a lot about coon hunting by listening to coon hunters tell stories down at the local coffee shop.	True or False
8. The best time of the day to hunt coons is between 9:00 a.m. and noon.	True or False
9. Billy told the dogs that if they put the coon up the tree he would do the rest.	True or False
10. Billy reluctantly agreed to let his dad continue chopping the tree while he went home for some breakfast.	True or False

### Good to Know

Raccoons will eat almost anything—fish, mice, insects, stolen eggs, and human trash. Raccoons sometimes "wash" their food, rapidly dunking it in water before eating.





## Language Activities

**A.** Write the plural of the following nouns from these chapters. Careful – you may wish to consult a dictionary for some of these words.

Singular Noun	Plural Noun
knife	
family	
mass	
tooth	
hawk	
body	
half	
foot	
cry	
bucket	

## B. Talk Show

With two or three other students prepare to participate in a television talk show featuring characters from these chapters. Choose an interesting character from the book (it doesn't necessarily have to be Billy). Prepare about a half-dozen questions to ask and possible answers.



## C. Cliffhanger

A **cliffhanger** is a popular device used by both writers of novels and movies. We find a good example of this at the end of Chapter Eight. We wonder if Billy will be able to cut down the tree, or if perhaps it will fall on one of the dogs.

What is a cliffhanger?


Why do you think it is so popular with writers like Wilson Rawls?
