LESSON 9
PRACTICE WORKSHEET A
Setting and Its Roles

Directions: Read the Teaching Model, an excerpt from “Older Run” by Gary Paulsen. Then read each item below. Circle the letter of the best answer.

1. The action of the story takes place
   - a. on a midwinter night in snowy wilderness.
   - b. at noon in the suburbs.
   - c. at an unknown time in the mountains.
   - d. on a midwinter night in the mountains.

2. For the narrator, this setting is
   - a. beautiful but scary.
   - b. mysterious and frightening.
   - c. boring and repetitive.
   - d. tranquil and beautiful.

3. What happens to Paulsen when the dogs stop?
   - a. He is thrown from the bridge.
   - b. He shouts at them to keep going.
   - c. He jumps into the water.
   - d. He crawls back across the bridge.

4. Which sentence best describes the story’s conflict?
   - a. Paulsen gets into a fight with a man stealing the plywood from the trestle.
   - b. The night is so dark that Paulsen worries about losing the trail.
   - c. Paulsen and his dogs disagree about which trail to take.
   - d. The broken trestle causes Paulsen to have an accident, instead of a smooth sled ride.

5. Which sentence best describes how the setting affects the conflict?
   - a. It has little effect on the plot.
   - b. The broken trestle over the river is the cause of Paulsen’s accident.
   - c. The night is so cold that the dogs collapse, causing the accident.
   - d. The beautiful landscape helps Paulsen forget his problems.