



Tinkers Farm

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While reading

Pages 1–7

- 1 Are the sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?
 - a A ship is arriving in New York.
 - b The ship's name is *Black Star*.
 - c There are lots of people and cars beside the ship.
 - d Jack Crane has a long, thin face.
 - e Jack Crane gives both Sam and Jenny jobs.
- 2 Work with a friend. You are Jenny and Blue Sky. You are on the way from New York to the farm. What are you talking about on the cart? Role play.
- 3 Circle the right words.
 - a Jack Crane's farm has lots of *green / yellow* fields.
 - b Blue Sky is from *India / an Indian village*.
 - c Jenny and Blue Sky work in the *fields / farmhouse*.
 - d *Saturday / Sunday* is Sam and Jenny's free day.
 - e Blue Sky's free day is *Sunday / Monday*.
 - f The Chief's name is *Silver Cloud / Red Cloud*.
- 4 Look at the picture on page 6. What's Jenny doing? Read page 6 carefully. Make a list of what Jenny does on the farm.
- 5 Use the Internet or go to the library to find out about the Indian people like Blue Sky and Silver Cloud. Write five facts. Share your findings in the class.

Pages 8–15

- 6 Circle YES or NO.
 - a Are Jenny and Sam happy on the farm? YES NO
 - b Do the Tinkers want to have their own farm? YES NO
 - c Does Jack Crane pay Sam and Jenny well? YES NO
 - d Does Blue Sky find a small boy in the river? YES NO
 - e Can Jenny swim? YES NO
- 7 Read page 9. Jack Crane wants Sam to work on Sunday. Sam says he's not going to. What do you think?
- 8 Look at page 10. Read the sentences about Sam: *He is walking very fast. Sam does not answer. Sam's eyes are cold and hard.* Imagine you are Sam, and write a diary for that day.

9 Choose the right answers.

- 1 Who is a small boy in the river?
 - a Blue Sky's brother
 - b Jack Crane's son
 - c The Chief's son
- 2 Who is wet?
 - a Blue Sky and a boy
 - b Jenny and a boy
 - c Jenny and Blue Sky
- 3 How does the Chief feel?
 - a happy
 - b sad
 - c angry
- 4 What does Silver Cloud give Jenny?
 - a money
 - b horse
 - c land
- 5 Where does Jenny take Sam to?
 - a a hill
 - b a river
 - c a village
- 10 Work in groups. Imagine each of you have an Indian name. What are they? Give each other Indian names and then choose the one you like.

After reading

- 11 Work with a friend. Ask and answer the questions.
 - a Do you think you can work in the farm like Sam and Jenny? Why?/Why not?
 - b Imagine that you work hard but you don't get paid very much. What do you think?
 - c What do you think the Tinkers are going to do on their own farm?
- 12 Write a sentence using the word.
 - a farm
 - b free
 - c hour
 - d life
 - e cook
- 13 Draw a picture of your favourite part of the story. Display it on the classroom wall, and talk about that part of the story.
- 14 Change the ending and write the story.



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1 Who's who? Match the two parts.

- 1 Jenny: ...
- 2 Jack Crane: ...
- 3 Blue Sky: ...
- 4 Silver Cloud: ...
- 5 the Chief's son: ...
 - a the Indian village Chief
 - b a small boy
 - c farmer
 - d Sam's daughter
 - e an Indian girl

2 Choose the correct answer.

- 1 When do the Tinkers arrive in New York?
 - a January, 1800
 - b June, 1800
 - c July, 1800
- 2 How far is Jack Crane's farm from New York?
 - a Eighty kilometres
 - b Eighteen kilometres
 - c Eight kilometres

3 How much does Jack Crane pay Jenny and Sam?

- a two dollars a day
- b two dollars a week
- c ten dollars a week

4 Two men are shouting. Who?

- a Jack Crane and Silver Cloud
- b Silver Cloud and Sam
- c Sam and Jack Crane

5 When are the Tinkers leaving Jack Crane's farm?

- a in the morning
- b in the afternoon
- c in the evening

3 Put the words in the right places

- clean show helps cook leaving
- a Jenny Blue Sky in the farmhouse.
 - b Jenny and Blue Sky everyone's breakfast.
 - c Jenny and Blue Sky the kitchen floor.
 - d Blue Sky is sad because the Tinkers are the farm.
 - e Jenny says to Sam, 'I want to you something.'

4 Who says what? Write the correct name. You can use the same name more than once.

Jenny Sam Jack Blue Sky
Silver Cloud the Chief's son

- a "We are here! We are really *here*," says
- b "But now what? We haven't got any money," says
- c "I need a man to work in the fields," says
- d "That's the Indian village," says
- e "Come on, get back to work!" says
- f "It's Sunday and I don't work on Sundays. *You* do it!" says
- g "It's the Chief's son!" says
- h "I can't swim. Help me! Please!" says
- i "It's OK. You're safe now," says
- j "How can I thank you?" says

5 Read the sentences about the Tinkers. Are the sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a Sam and Jenny are in England.
- b Sam works in the farmhouse and Jenny works in the Indian village.
- c Jenny makes a lot of new friends.
- d Jenny starts to learn some Indian words.
- e Jenny can ride a horse.

6 What happens first? What happens next? Number the sentences.

- a Jenny meets Silver Cloud.
- b Sam and Jenny have their own farm.
- c Jenny jumps into a river to save a small boy.
- d Jenny meets Blue Sky.
- e Jenny and Sam starts working in the farm.
- f Sam talks to a man with a green coat.
- g Jack Crane give the Tinkers jobs.
- h Sam decides to leave Jack Crane's farm.
- i Silver Cloud thanks Jenny.
- j Jenny and Sam arrive in New York.