

# Roaring Rapids School TEFL Student Writing Workbook

## Chapter 7 – A Sack of Burrs

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Vocabulary:** Learn these words or phrases and add two of your choice from the story. Use a dictionary or Google Search. Write short definitions in your own words.

1. **complaining** – \_\_\_\_\_

2. **burrs** – \_\_\_\_\_

3. **blessings** – \_\_\_\_\_

4. **grumbling** – \_\_\_\_\_

5. **prepare** – \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_ – \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_ – \_\_\_\_\_

### Ranch Talk — Dropping the “g” in -ing Words (Old Western Speech)

In older Western-style English, people sometimes said:

**complainin'** instead of **complaining**

**snowin'** instead of **snowing**

This is a relaxed, informal way of speaking. In writing, the missing g is replaced with an apostrophe ( ' ).

At the Roaring Rapids Ranch, you will notice that cowboys and townsfolk sometimes speak this way in dialogue. This style is not used in formal English today, but it helps our stories feel historically authentic to the 1880s.

### Comprehension Questions (Write answers to five questions and read them aloud)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

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