A note on Mark Twain

Page 7 – exercise 1
a. Samuel Langhorne Clemens.
b. He lived in Hannibal, Missouri, on the Mississippi River.
c. In 1857 he worked as a pilot on a steamboat on the Mississippi.
d. The American Civil War began in 1861.
e. He went to California to look for gold.
f. His wife’s name was Olivia “Livy” Langdon.
g. He had three daughters.
h. The Adventures of Tom Sawyer; Life on the Mississippi; The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.
i. He was 75.

The California Gold Rush

Page 10 – exercise 1
a. False – he discovered gold by chance.
b. True

c. True
d. False – a gold prospector looked for gold.
e. True
f. True

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Open answers.

The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County

Before you read

Page 12 – exercise 1

Page 16 – exercise 1

Page 16 – exercise 2
peaceful, fat, old, lucky.

Page 16 – exercise 3
write ask wake tell block begin bet win be happen.

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Before you read

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Open answer.

Page 22 – exercise 1

Page 23 – exercise 2
a. 8 b. 4 c. 5 d. 1 e. 9 f. 2 g. 7 h. 3 i. 6

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Open answer.

Life in the mining camps

Page 26 – exercise 1

Page 27 – exercise 2
a. 5 b. 1 c. 6 d. 4 e. 3 f. 2

Before you read

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Page 30 – exercise 1
a. He found a frog one day and he named it Daniel Webster.

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Page 31 – exercise 3
1. Simon Wheeler: c; m. 2. Andrew Jackson: e; k. 3. Jim Smiley: d; h; i; n. 4. Daniel Webster: a; f; l. 5. Smiley’s horse: b; g; j.

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Open answers.

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The Jumping Frog Jubilee

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Open answers.

Before you read

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Page 38 – exercise 1
Are you dressed like a gold miner?

Page 48 – exercise 1
a. It was hard work.
b. Because they often worked on their knees.
c. He was an immigrant tailor.
d. He began making work pants.
e. He called it “blue jeans” or “Levi’s”.
f. They are in San Francisco.

Page 48 – exercise 2
a. 4  b. 6  c. 1  d. 8  e. 5  f. 3  g. 7  h. 2

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Open answer.

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Page 50 – exercise 5
1. g. dog
2. c. frog
3. a. horse
4. d. pig
5. i. bird
6. f. sheep
7. b. cat
8. j. chicken
9. h. cow
10. e. snake

Page 51 – exercise 6
a. hat
b. bandana
c. vest
d. pan
e. shirt
f. belt
g. blue jeans
h. pickaxe
i. boots
j. boots

Page 52 – exercise 1

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Page 58 – exercise 1
a. He lost his home, happiness, health and trunk.
b. Because a home without a mother or a sister who care for you isn’t really a home.
c. No, it wasn’t.
d. He put his feet in hot water, then took a cold shower.
e. He ate everything he saw.
f. Drinking a bottle of warm salt water.
g. He continued to sneeze.

Page 58 – exercise 2
a. 4 b. 8 c. 1 d. 7 e. 2 f. 3 g. 9 h. 10 i. 5 j. 6

Page 59 – exercise 3

Before you read

Page 60 – exercise 1
1. The boots are/were more expensive than the blue jeans.
2. It is dangerous to cross the river.
3. You can reach/get to San Francisco in six hours.
4. You can get details about the trip from the hotel.
5. Jim’s letter described Virginia City.
6. It was difficult to find gold.
7. A visit to the gold mine takes one hour.
8. The miner’s equipment weighs eight kilograms.
9. There is a funny remedy at the end of his letter.
Page 63 – exercise 2
NOUN ADJECTIVE
b. sadness
c. beautiful
d. stupid
e. danger
f. healthy
g. friend

Page 64 – exercise 4
a. milk  b. stranger  c. handkerchief
d. pickaxe  e. tavern  f. friend

Page 68 – exercise 1
a. He went there to improve his health.
b. He fished and sailed on the lake.
c. A cold sheet-bath.
d. It was the worst experience of his life. His blood froze and his heart stopped.
e. He thought the hot baths there were good for his health.
f. He had to drink a bottle of whisky every twenty-four hours; it cured his cold.

Page 70 – exercise 1
A city is born
Mrs McWilliams and the Lightning
Before you read

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Open answers.

Page 81 – exercise 1
Open answers.

Page 82 – exercise 2
a. immediately  b. everywhere
c. tomorrow  d. loudly  e. yesterday
f. quickly  g. happily  h. here
i. anywhere

Page 86 – exercise 1
1 Answer the following questions.
1. Who was the author of the three short stories?
2. Was he American or British?
3. What was his real name?
4. Name another one of his books.
5. What happened at Sutter’s Fort, California, in January 1848?
6. Who were the “forty-niners”?
7. Describe a mining camp of the 1850s.
8. What happens every year in May at Angel’s Camp, California?

2 Are the following sentences true (T) or false (F)?

1. Daniel Webster was Smiley’s lucky frog.
2. Jim Smiley never bet money on anything.
3. The stranger put some shotgun pellets into the frog’s mouth.
4. Smiley won the forty-dollar bet with the stranger.
5. The narrator of Curing a Cold lived in San Francisco.
6. He went to Lake Bigler with his friend Wilson.
7. An old lady gave him hot milk to drink.
8. He cured his cold with two bottles of whisky.
9. Evangeline was afraid of black cats.
10. Mortimer hid in the closet during the thunderstorm.
11. The German book had important information about storms.
12. When Mortimer’s friends saw him standing on the table they laughed a lot.

3 Match the opposites
1. sadly a. slowly
2. tomorrow b. handsome
3. quickly c. everywhere
4. nowhere d. remember
5. silence e. yesterday
6. dangerous f. happily
7. forget g. safe
8. ugly h. noise

4 Who was your favorite character? Describe them and say why they are your favorite character.

Mark Twain
American
Samuel Clemens
Possible answers: Tom Sawyer, Huckleberry Finn, The Prince and the Pauper, Life on the Mississippi, The Innocents Abroad.
John Marshall discovered gold.
They were the miners who came from all over the world to look for gold in California.
A mining camp of the 1850s had a saloon, a hotel, a stable, a bank, a general store and an undertaker. Fights were common and it was usually a very rough place.
There is The Jumping Frog Jubilee.