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# Spring Mess

## Answer Key

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### **Chapter 1**

- CH1-1. Who has the best grass, shrubs, and plants?  
*Rox the Fox does.*
- CH1-2. Where does Rox the Fox live?  
*He lives in Dunn Hill.*
- CH1-3. How young was Rox the Fox when he had the best grass on the block?  
*He was six.*
- CH1-4. Who has a lot of fans?  
*Rox the Fox does.*

### **Chapter 2**

- CH 2-1. Where did Rox the Fox get the cup for 'The Best Lot in Dunn Hill'?  
*At the Spring Fest.*
- CH 2-2. What does Rox the Fox do in the spring?  
*He gets up with the sun. / He does the things on this to do list.*
- CH 2-3. Why does Rox the Fox get up with the sun?  
*He has a lot of things to do on his to-do list.*
- CH 2-4. What does Rox the Fox think about the tasks he has to do?  
*He thinks they are a lot of fun.*

### **Chapter 3**

- CH3-1. List three things Rox the Fox does in this chapter.
- *He cuts the grass.*
  - *He trims back the plants*
  - *He sticks rods next to the stems.*
  - *He dusts the plants.*
  - *He chats with the plants.*
  - *He checks buds on plants.*
  - *He fixes spilled mulch.*
- CH3-2. Why does Rox the Fox stick rods next to the plants?  
*The rods help the plants stand up.*
- CH3-3. What does Rox the Fox do if the mulch spills?  
*He brushes the spilled mulch with a brush.*
- CH3-4. Why does Rox the Fox chat with the plants?  
*He thinks it helps them get big fast.*

### **Chapter 4**

- CH4-1. How much did Rox the Fox get as a gift?  
*He got \$1000.*
- CH4-2. Who claps for Rox the Fox?  
*His fans do.*
- CH4-3. What do the fans chant?  
*They chant, 'Rox the Fox is the best'.*
- CH4-4. How does Rox the Fox feel about the gift?  
*He is glad for it.*

## Chapter 5

- CH5-1. What will Rox the Fox do with the money?  
*He will spend it on plants.*
- CH5-2. Who asks questions at the fest?  
*The press does.*
- CH5-3. Which spot does Rox the Fox pick for the plants?  
*He picks Log Ranch.*
- CH5-4. How many plants does he think he can get for \$1000?  
*500 plants.*

## Chapter 6

- CH6-1. What did Rox the Fox forget to add to his to-do list?  
*He forgot to add "get 500 plants with the gift".*
- CH6-2. Where does the check sit?  
*It sits on a shelf.*
- CH6-3. What things go wrong in the spring for Rox the Fox's plants? Name one.  
*There are a lot of ants. / A lot of pests are on the plants.*
- CH6-4. How does Rox the Fox feel about the pests? How can you tell?  
*He does not want them on his plants. The last sentence says he must get rid of them.*

## Chapter 7

- CH7-1. What do the pests do to the plants?  
*They munch on the plants. / They get them sick.*
- CH7-2. Where does Rox the Fox get a Bug Zap kit?  
*From Sog's Plant Shop.*
- CH7-3. Where does he set up the kit?  
*At the plant bed.*
- CH7-4. Does the kit help get rid of the bugs?  
*It helps a bit, but not a lot. / It helps a bit, but he needs more kits.*

## Chapter 8

- CH8-1. What does the rat do?  
*It chomps on the shrubs.*
- CH8-2. What does Rox the Fox do first to get rid of the rat?  
*He tracks the rat. / He traps and kicks it from the plant beds.*
- CH8-3. Where does Rox the Fox set the mesh nets?  
*He sets the nets on top of his plant beds.*
- CH8-4. Can Rox the Fox get rid of the rat by the end of this chapter?  
*No, he can't.*

## Chapter 9

- CH9-1. How does Rox the Fox feel in this chapter?  
*He is sad and mad.*
- CH9-2. What else does Rox the Fox try to keep the rat away?  
*He fills the gaps and cracks.*
- CH9-3. Can Rox the Fox get rid of the rat by the end of this chapter?  
*No, he can't.*
- CH9-4. Tell about a time when you didn't give up.  
*Answers vary.*

## Chapter 10

CH10-1. How is this weather this spring?

*It is hot.*

CH10-2. Is too much hot sun good or bad for the plants?

*It is bad.*

CH10-3. List three ways the hot sun damage Rox the Fox's plants.

- The stems of the big shrubs get stiff.
- The grass gets sick.
- The sod cracks.
- The stems of the thin plants bend.
- The buds drop on the sod.
- The sun kills the plants in the pots.
- The plants wilt.

CH10-4. Why do the plants by the shed do better?

*They don't get too much sun. / They have more shade.*

## Chapter 11

CH11-1. What is the next bad thing that happens this spring?

*The winds from the west.*

CH11-2. How does the wind damage Rox the Fox's yard? List two things.

- It whips and spins the pots.
- Pots crack.
- Plants spill on the deck.
- The stems bend and crack.
- A big branch snaps and splits the top of the shed.

CH11-3. What happens to the shed when the branch hits it?

*The top of the shed splits in half.*

CH11-4. How do you think Rox the Fox feel during the storm?

*Answers vary.*

## Chapter 12

CH12-1. When does the wind stop?

*It stops as the sun gets up.*

CH12-2. What are on the steps?

*Big clumps of sod are on the steps.*

CH12-3. What does Rox the Fox pick up?

*He picks up the sticks and twigs that fell from the shrubs.*

CH12-4. What does Rox the Fox wish for?

*He wishes this spring to end as fast as it can.*

## Chapter 13

CH13-1. What does Rox the Fox spot?

*He spots trucks and vans.*

CH13-2. Where do the trucks and vans stop?

*They stop next to the shed.*

CH13-3. Who are in the trucks and vans?

*Rox the Fox's fans are.*

CH13-4. Why are the fans sad?

*They are sad because Rox the Fox's plants are a big mess. / Dunn Hill is a big mess.*

## Chapter 14

CH14-1. Who taps Rox the Fox's leg?

A kid does. / A kid next to his mom does.

CH14-2. What does the kid say he must do?

He says he must plant a lot of plants in Log Ranch.

CH14-3. What does the kid suggest Rox the Fox does?

He suggests Rox the Fox helps the kid. / He suggests Rox the Fox must lift Dunn Hill back up.

CH14-4. Who tells Rox the Fox, "You are the best in Dunn Hill"?

The kid does.

## Chapter 15

CH15-1. How many plants does the kid suggest Rox the Fox can get?

500 plants.

CH15-2. Why do you think Rox the Fox gasps, "The gift!"?

Answers vary: He has forgotten about the gift.

CH15-3. How much of the gift has Rox the Fox has spent yet?

He has not spent any of it. / He has not spent a buck of it.

CH15-4. Do you think Rox the Fox will help bring the spring back to Dunn Hill?

Yes, he will.

## Chapter 16

CH16-1. Where does Rox the Fox go with his truck?

He goes to Sog's Plant Shop.

CH16-2. Where does he stop his truck?

He stops his truck in the grass lot.

CH16-3. How many plants Sog the Hog spots in the back?

He spots ten plants.

CH16-4. How many plants is Rox the Fox missing if he gets ten plants?

He is missing 490 plants.

## Chapter 17

CH17-1. Why is Rox the Fox glum?

Answers may vary: The shop didn't have 500 plants.

CH17-2. Where does Sog the Hog suggest Rox the Fox go to get the rest of the plants?

He suggests Rox the Fox goes to Vast Plant Shop.

CH17-3. Where is Vast Plant Shop?

It is in Cliff Top.

CH17-4. Who will bring the plants to Log Ranch?

Sog the Hog will.

## Chapter 18

CH18-1. What does Sog the Hog do before he jumps in his truck?

He locks the shop.

CH18-2. Who is at the ranch to chat with Rox the Fox?

The press is.

CH18-3. What does Rox the Fox asks his fans to do?

He asks them to get to Log Ranch.

CH18-4. What does Rox the Fox asks his fans to bring?

He asks them to bring plants, if they can.

## Chapter 19

CH19-1. Do you think a lot of people show up at Log Ranch? How can you tell?

Yes. The Log Ranch fills up fast with Rox the Fox's fans.

CH19-2. How does Rox the Fox feel in this chapter?

He is glad.

CH19-3. Do the fans bring plants?

Yes, they bring lots of plants.

CH19-4. What instruction does Rox the Fox give the kids at the end of the chapter?

He tells them to dig a small pit for their plants.

## Chapter 20

CH20-1. What do the kids do with the pits they dig?

They stick the plant in the pit.

CH20-2. What is the next step after the plant is in the pit?

The kids press on the sod with their hands.

CH20-3. Why do the kids fill the jugs and the cans?

To water the plants.

CH20-4. What else do they set up in Log Ranch in addition to the plants?

They set up a big swing set and a bench.

## Chapter 21

CH21-1. Tell in your own words how Log Ranch looks.

Answers vary. (There are flowers, a big swing set, and a bench.)

CH21-2. How do you think Rox the Fox feels at the end of this chapter?

Answers vary.

CH21-3. Who helped Rox the Fox to bring spring back to Dunn Hill?

His fans and his pals.

CH21-4. Tell about a time you helped someone in need.

Answers vary.