







ANSWER KEY | HEARTS AND CROSSES

PRE-READING ACTIVITY 1: VOCABULARY ABOUT LIFE ON A RANCH

	Words	Definitions
1.	Broker 	<u>6</u> The feeling of being in love with someone
2.	Secretary 	<u>3</u> Someone who works on a ship as part of the crew
3.	Sailor 	<u>1</u> A person who helps other people to reach agreements, make deals, or buy and sell property (such as stocks or houses)
4.	Machine 	<u>2</u> A person whose job is to handle records, write letters, arrange appointments, etc. for another person in an office
5.	Storm 	<u>5</u> An occurrence of bad weather in which there is a lot of rain, or snow, and often strong winds
6.	Romance 	<u>4</u> A piece of equipment with moving parts that does work when it is given power (electricity, gas)

PRE-READING ACTIVITY 2: SUNSHINE OUTLINE

Phrases

- A. On a busy morning
- B. The rush of business
- C. Working like a machine
- D. Harvey Maxwell (New York broker) and Miss Leslie (the secretary)
- E. An office of a busy broker in New York



Who? D

What? B

When? A

How? C

Where? E

What do you think this story will be about? Answers will vary.

WHILE-READING ACTIVITY 1: SENSORY IMAGES

See	Hear	Smell	Touch
A	B	G	F
C	D	H	I
E	J		

WHILE-READING ACTIVITY 2: BUSY LIFE IN AN OFFICE

Answers may vary.

Page Number	Details of Busy Office Life
Pages 54-55	<p>Morning (around 9:30 a.m.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>He rushed to his table as if he were going to jump over it (p. 54).</i> <i>Papers lay like snow covering his table (p. 55).</i> <i>Boys ran in and out with letters for him to read and answer at once (p. 55).</i>
Page 56	<p>Dinner hour (at noon)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The other men who worked in the office jumped around like sailors during a storm.</i> <i>He jumped from the machine to his table to the door and back again.</i> <i>The rush of business grew wilder and faster.</i>
Page 57	<p>Dinner hour (at noon)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>He rushed into the other room.</i> <i>“I have only a moment. I want to say something in that moment.”</i> <i>“Talk quick, please. I have to get back to my work.”</i>

POST-READING ACTIVITY 1: COMPARISONS

Answers may vary.

Comparisons	Examples From the Story	Character Description
Maxwell → machine (p. 55)	<i>The machine sitting at the table was no longer a man.</i>	<i>impersonal</i>
Other men in the office → sailors (p. 56)	<i>The other men who worked in the office jumped around like sailors during a storm.</i>	<i>alert, attentive</i>
Maxwell → dancer (p. 56)	<i>Now he was like a dancer.</i>	<i>energetic, restless</i>
Applicant for the secretary position → silver chain (p. 56)	<i>The silver chain left the office, hitting against chairs and tables with anger, as it went.</i>	<i>fashionable, furious</i>
Maxwell → clock (p. 56)	<i>He worked as a clock works.</i>	<i>determined</i>

POST-READING ACTIVITY 2: TRUE OR FALSE

True or False	Statement
T	Miss Leslie does not wear chains or jewels in the office. (p. 54)
T	Miss Leslie looks different when she comes to the office this morning. (p. 55)
F	Miss Leslie decides not to work today because a new secretary will be hired to take her place. (p. 55)
T	No applicants show up for the job interview before 9:30 in the morning. (p. 55)
F	Maxwell shows some interest in the first job applicant for the secretary position. (p. 56)
F	Maxwell believes that Miss Leslie is not a good secretary. (p. 56)
F	Miss Leslie is angry when Maxwell asks her to marry him. (p. 57)
T	Miss Leslie is an understanding and caring secretary. (p. 57)