

Name: _____ Date: _____ #: _____

Directions: Fill in the blank with the verbs in the word box.

<u>Word Box</u>					
scrape	blocked	take	raised	touched	remember
cracked	piled	hate	take	rolled	take
scour	take	reached	scream	relate	said
shout	filled	spice	covered	moved	reached
play	candy	broke			

Sarah Cynthia Sylvia Stout Would Not Take The Garbage Out

Sarah Cynthia Sylvia Stout

Would not _____ the garbage out!

She'd _____ the pots and _____ the pans,

_____ the yams and _____ the hams,

And though her daddy would _____ and _____.

She simply would not _____ the garbage out.

And so it _____ up the ceilings:

Coffee grounds, potato peelings,

Brown bananas, rotten peas,

Chunks of sour cottage cheese.

It _____ the can, it _____ the floor,

It _____ the window and blocked the door

With bacon rinds and chicken bones,

Drippy ends of ice cream cones,

Prune pits, peach pits, and orange peel,

Gloppy glumps of cold oatmeal,

Pizza crust and withered greens,

Soggy beans and tangerines,

Crusts of black burned buttered toast,

Gristly bits of beefy roasts.....

The garbage _____ on down the hall,

It _____ the roof, it _____ the wall.....

Greasy napkins, cookie crumbs,
Globs of gooey bubble gum,
Cellophane from green baloney,
Rubbery, blubbery macaroni,
Peanut butter, caked and dry,
Curdled milk and crusts of pie,
Melody melons, dried-up mustard,
Eggshells mixed with lemon custard,
Cold French fries and rancid meat,
Yellow lumps of Cream of Wheat.
At last the garbage _____ so high
That finally it _____ the sky.
And all the neighbors _____ away,
And none of her friends would come to _____.
And finally Sarah Cynthia Stout _____,
"Ok, I'll _____ the garbage out!"
But then, of course, it was too late.....
The garbage _____ across the state,
From New York to the Golden Gate.
And there, in the garbage she did _____,
Poor Sarah met an awful fate,
That I cannot right now _____
Because the hour is much too late.
But children, _____ Sarah Stout
And always _____ the garbage out!

-- Shel Silverstein