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Copy the SUBJECT of the sentence on the lines below:

(1) Slim and Leroy Bones were the laziest cowboys in Texas. (2) Folks called them the Lazy Bones Brothers because the boys were always thinking up ways to get out of hard work. Slim and Leroy were as different as two brothers could be. (3) Slim was short, round as a tumbleweed, and mighty proud of his brains. "I've got more brains," he used to tell Leroy, "than a hive has bees." Leroy was a tall drink of water. He was so thin that when he turned sideways, you had to look right careful or you'd swear that he'd disappeared completely. He didn't have much in the way of brains, but his friendly grin could coax the shy jack rabbits out of their burrows for a neighborly game of tag. Mostly, the brothers had a fine time riding the range. (4) They slept under the stars and practiced their lassoing on cacti and rocks and any thing else that didn't try to run away.

(5) Every once in a while, though, they had to earn money so they could restock their supply of red beans, coffee, and licorice.

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Copy the VERB of the sentence on the lines below:

(6) They came to build the fence around Pops Merryweather's southern pasture. (7) Pops was the richest rancher this side of the Texas panhandle. (8) He'd heard stories about the Lazy Bones Brothers, but Slim and Leroy didn't charge much, and Pops never could resist a bargain. (9) So, he hired them to put up fence posts and string barbed wire around his pasture. It was squalling fierce when the Bones boys rode onto Pop's ranch. (10) Now, squalls don't happen every day in Texas, but when they do, the temperature drops faster than a hawk diving after its breakfast, and the wind wails and moans like a fussy ghost.

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3. The American children, boarded their ship. _____

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5. When they landed, the cows bid their farewells. _____

6. During supper that night, both the English and the American children told their parents of the wonderful afternoon.

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8. They thought “What imaginations children have!”

9. I wonder what they'll think of next. _____

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SINGULAR AND PLURAL USE OF THE VERB TO BE

CIRCLE THE LETTER OF THE CORRECT SENTENCE:

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 - a. John and Mary was going to the train station.
 - b. John and Mary were going to the train station.
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 - a. The people was going to the train station.
 - b. The people were going to the train station.
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 - a. The most wonderful artist was going to the sing.
 - b. The most wonderful artist were going to the sing
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 - a. She was a young singer without a job.
 - b. She were a young singer without a job.
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 - a. The most wonderful singer is in town
 - b. The most wonderful singer are in town
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 - a. John is going to the party.
 - b. John are going to the party.
7.
 - a. Nobody is going to work tomorrow.
 - b. Nobody are going to work tomorrow.
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 - a. The most wonderful artist was going to the sing.
 - b. The most wonderful artist were going to the sing
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 - a. He doesn't do anything all day
 - b. He don't do anything all day.
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 - a. Tom don't work very hard, he just chills all the time.
 - b. Tom doesn't work very hard, he just chills all the time.

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Put a slash between subject & predicate:

(1) Slim and Leroy didn't want to go out in the storm, but Pops wanted the fence put up that day. (2) Well, the Bones boys rode out to the southern pasture, and sure enough, the ground was frozen harder than a cast-iron frying pan. (3) The brothers' faces drooped when they saw that. (4) Digging holes and pounding fence posts was mighty strenuous work. (5) Slim squatted back on his heels, and pondered how to put up the fence without digging any holes. (6) Suddenly, Leroy screamed. "I pricked my thumb on a rattler!" (7) "You got bit by a rattler?" Slim yelled. No, Look here." (8) He held up a snake frozen straight as any arrow. (9) He took the frozen rattler from his brother, and rubbed his finger across its needle-sharp tail. "This gives me an idea," he said. "Give me that hammer." (10) Slim hammered that snake into the dirt just like an enormous nail.

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Select the correct answer for each sentence:

1. One day a large spaceship **land** in a park just outside New York City.

a- lands b- landed c- will land d- is landed e- was landing f- ok

2. The doors **lift up**, and out walked twenty-six cows.

a- lifted up b- lifts up c- will lift up d- is lifted up e- was lift up f- ok

3. "Greetings!" **say** one of the cows to several children who'd gathered round the ship.

a- says b- saying c- said d- is sayed e- was saying f- ok

4. Each of the cows **give** the children a big smile.

a- gives b- gived c- gaved d- gave e- given f- ok

5. The children **was** absolutely delighted with the cows and helping them set up chairs.

a- is b- are c- am d- were e- was being f- ok

6. They all **board** the spaceship and flew off to London.

a- is boarding b- are boarding c- boarded d- boarding e- were board f- ok

7. Several people **gather** round the ship, watching the cows and children step out.

a- is gathering b- are gathering c- were gathered d- gathered e- were gather f- ok

8. The adults **shook** their heads at the scene before them.

a- shaked b- are shooking c- are shaking d- were shaking e- was shook f- ok

9. The English children, however, **know** cows from outer space when they saw them.

a- new b- knew c- were known d- knows e- are known f- ok

10. And so it was that they **spend** a most delightful afternoon together in London.

a- are spending b- spended c- spent d- were spent e- were spend f- ok

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Select the correct verb form for each sentence:

- (1) There are two farmers in Texas that _____ (has, have) a horse. They are Ma and Pa farmers.
- (2) Ma and Pa farmers _____ (teach, teaches,) their horse to obey the rules. In the kingdom where they live, most farmers have two or three horses, and some had even more, so they thought of themselves as poor people indeed. One day as the Pa the farmer sat at breakfast, sigh-ing and shaking his head at his sorry lot, a knock came at the door.
- (3) Pa the farmer went to answer it, and there _____ (stand, stood) one of the king's soldiers along with the royal tax collector.
- (4) We have _____ (come, came) to arrest you for not paying your taxes.
- (5) I am very poor, this _____ (is, are) a mistake.
- (6) The soldier and the tax collector _____ (look, looks, looked, will look) at each other.
- (7) "Now then," he said, "you say you _____ (have, has, had) only one horse. How many cows do you have?" "None," said the farmer. "How many pigs?" "None." "Sheep? Goats? Chickens?" "Not a one to my name," said the farmer sadly.
- (8) "Just one horse, that's all I _____ (have, had, has).
- (9) "I _____ (see, sees, saw) you have a nice omelet in the pan on the stove. Where did you get the egg for your omelet?
- (10) My horse _____ (lay, lays, laid) an egg each morning-but only one.

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1. When my Great-Grandma Anna came to America, she wore the same thick overcoat and big boots she had worn for farm work.
2. In New York City, her father's work was hauling things on a wagon.
3. Everyone was in a hurry, and it was so crowded, not like back home Russia.
4. When Anna went to school, English sounded to her like pebbles dropping into shallow water.
5. The only things she had left of back home Russia were her dress and babushka she liked to throw up into the air when she was dancing.

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2. It was like having the family in Russia dance around them at night.
3. They lived in New York but the animals and flowers from the scraps of clothing reminded them about Russia.
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(1)Lewis lived with his family in a grassy nest at the edge of the meadow. (2)The meadow was a happy place, but Lewis had a problem. (3)It was his little brother Milton. (4)Milton followed Lewis everywhere and copied everything he did. (5)Milton tried to walk like Lewis and talk like Lewis. (6)Milton tried to eat what Lewis ate and play what Lewis played. And Lewis didn't like it! "You're a copycat, Milton," Lewis would say. Milton would shake his head. "I am not. I'm a mouse, just like you." But, in fact, Milton was a copycat (or a copycat mouse if you can imagine such a thing). And what made the problem worse was all the attention Milton got. (7)If Lewis turned a somersault, no one seemed to notice much, even though Lewis was very good at somersaults. But if Milton turned a somersault, everyone was there, laughing and clapping. (8) Or if Lewis found a fat apple and dragged it back to the nest for supper, Milton had to copy him. He would bring back some dried berries or a hunk of grass or some old stick. And even though the apple was delicious and everyone enjoyed it, Milton still got more attention for his stick, and it didn't even taste good. (9)Lewis was sick of it. (10) One day on the way to uncle Tyler's house, Lewis lost Milton in the forest.

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