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Verb Conjugation, Tense, and Aspect On the Farm...

Reading Level 3

Directions: Read each of the following sentences. **Choose the answer that best completes each sentence.** Circle your response.



1. Angus the Cow and Franky the Pig _____ Mark Twain to one another in the barn's haymow.
 - a) was reading
 - b) reading
 - c) were reading
 - d) we're reading
2. Patty the Chicken _____ invited to the kitchen before she received the invitation from Farmer Brown.
 - a) wasn't never
 - b) have never been
 - c) weren't never
 - d) had never been
3. Patty the Chicken, Franky the Pig, and Shelly the Sheep _____ on the back of Farmer Brown's lowrider pickup truck.
 - a) were rapping and singing
 - b) was rapping and singing
 - c) we're rapping and singing
 - d) was going to be rapping and singing
4. Nellie the Horse _____ her fanciest shoes at the hoedown later tonight.
 - a) wore
 - b) was wearing
 - c) had been wearing
 - d) will be wearing
5. Mrs. Brown was disappointed because she _____ bacon for breakfast.
 - a) want
 - b) had wanted
 - c) has wanted
 - d) have wanted
6. Patty the Chicken _____ eggs in the doghouse ever since Farmer Brown's rickety old henhouse collapsed.
 - a) laying
 - b) been laying
 - c) has been laying
 - d) done been laying

7. The ears of corn on Farmer Brown's field _____ ripe and ready to be picked just in time for the annual Harvest Festival.
- a) is b) was
c) were d) has been
8. Shelly the Sheep _____ too cold to go outside at night since she was just sheered by Farmer Brown.
- a) may be b) maybe
c) may be was d) may be were
9. The animals that slept in the barn _____ cold during the long winter nights and demanded a solution from Farmer Brown.
- a) was b) were
c) we're d) been
10. Franky the Pig saw that Farmer Brown _____ "Carve up bacon" and "Grind hamburger" on his to-do list earlier that morning.
- a) writes b) had wrote
c) has wrotten d) had written
11. "One of the reasons that the United States _____ a great place to have a farm is because of the rich top soil," said Farmer Brown.
- a) are b) am
c) be d) is
12. Patty the Chicken gave the signal and the animals _____ by Nellie the Horse's trough to devise a plan.
- a) met b) meet
c) had meeten d) meets
13. "W-W-W-We'd all get extra hay if Franky the Pig _____ in charge of the farm," chattered the frigid Shelly the Sheep with a hint of rebellion in her voice.
- a) was b) were
c) we're d) was being
14. Farmer Brown's cold hands _____ startling to Angus the Cow, so much so that the halls of the barn echoed with moos of anguish.
- a) were b) was
c) we're d) is

15. The other animals were worried because Mr. and Mrs. Brown _____ at Patty the Chicken and licking their lips.
 - a) was looking
 - b) were looking
 - c) we're looking
 - d) had looked
16. Frankie the pig and Angus the Cow _____ together on a plan to escape from the murderous Farmer Brown.
 - a) working
 - b) are working
 - c) is working
 - d) been working
17. Farmer Brown would have found the animal's escape plans if Shelly the Sheep _____ them just in time.
 - a) hasn't eat
 - b) hadn't ate
 - c) hadn't aten
 - d) hadn't eaten
18. Agatha the Goose _____ Farmer Brown with a fit of coughing while Franky the Pig steals his keys.
 - a) distract
 - b) distracted
 - c) will distract
 - d) had distracted
19. Shelly the Sheep _____ behind Farmer Brown while he is milking Angus the Cow and trip him when he gets up from the stool.
 - a) sneaked
 - b) has sneaked
 - c) is sneaking
 - d) will sneak
20. After Shelly the Sheep _____ Farmer Brown, Patty the Chicken and Franky the Pig will unlock the barn door.
 - a) trip
 - b) trips
 - c) tripped
 - d) had tripped
21. After Patty the Chicken had unlocked the barn door, Nellie the Horse _____ out of the barn and into the house
 - a) ran
 - b) runs
 - c) will run
 - d) is running
22. When Nellie the Horse got into Farmer Brown's little house, she _____ into his crowded kitchen and knocked over the dishes.
 - a) bolts
 - b) bolted
 - c) will bolt
 - d) is bolting

