

► Write the Vocabulary Word that matches each definition.

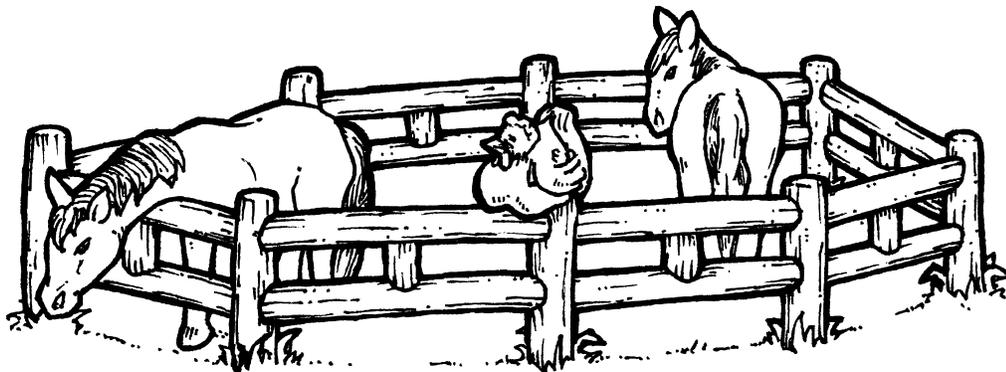
ranchers profit tending corral stray market

1. in business, the money left over after paying bills _____
2. taking care of something _____
3. a place where many kinds of goods are bought and sold _____
4. people whose job is to raise large herds of animals _____
5. wander off or get lost _____
6. a pen or fenced area for animals _____



► Write the Vocabulary Word that best completes each sentence.

7. You need money to buy goods at the _____.
8. A _____ is the area on a farm where animals stay.



TRY THIS! Write a story about a ranch that raises cattle. See if you can use all of the Vocabulary Words.

- Read the traditional cowboy song below. Then circle the letter of the best answer to each question.

Home on the Range (1867)

1st Verse

Oh, give me a home where the buffalo roam,
Where the deer and the antelope play,
Where seldom is heard a discouraging word,
And the skies are not cloudy all day.

Chorus

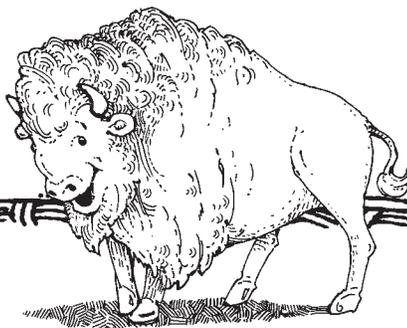
Home, home on the range,
Where the deer and the antelope play,
Where seldom is heard a discouraging word,
And the skies are not cloudy all day.

2nd Verse

Where the air is so pure, and the zephyrs are free,
And the breezes so balmy and light,
That I would not exchange my home on the range,
For all of the cities so bright.

3rd Verse

How often at night, when the heavens are bright,
With the light from the glittering stars,
Have I stood there amazed, and asked as I gazed,
If their glory exceeds that of ours.



- 1** What is the main idea of the song? —
- A** A cowboy needs a new home.
 - B** Cowboys are homeless.
 - C** Cowboys think of the range as home.
 - D** Cowboys don't like cloudy weather.

Tip
The title may reflect the main idea.

- 2** One reason cowboys like their home is —
- F** it is very quiet.
 - G** the sky is clear.
 - H** the weather is terrible.
 - J** deer and antelope stay out of sight.

Tip
Eliminate answers that are clearly wrong.

- 3** Another reason cowboys like their home is —
- A** the people are not discouraging.
 - B** it is very clean.
 - C** the mountains are beautiful.
 - D** the food is great.

Tip
Which choice is supported by the lyrics?

- 4** Why do cowboys love the range? —
- F** The winds are very strong.
 - G** There is no pollution.
 - H** It is close to the city.
 - J** The zephyrs are not free.

Tip
The answer may not be stated directly. It may be implied.

- 5** What do cowboys love about the range at night? —
- A** the headlights from cars
 - B** the restaurants
 - C** television
 - D** the stars

Tip
Consider the year when the lyrics were written.



Name _____

► Write the name of the best reference source to use to answer each question. Hint: You can find the answers to some questions in more than one source.

1. Is Texas east or west of Arizona? _____

2. What is a longhorn steer and what does it look like?



3. What kind of weather does Santa Fe, New Mexico have?

4. How long have ranchers been raising cattle in the United States?

5. What is the meaning of the word *corral*?



6. What was the population of Dallas, Texas, last year?

7. How is the word *lariat* pronounced? _____

8. What states border New Mexico? _____

9. How far is Dallas, Texas, from the South Pole?



10. What is a synonym, or word that has the same meaning, as *stray*?



SCHOOL-HOME CONNECTION With your child, make a list of three questions inspired by the story. Help your child make a plan to answer the questions by looking them up at school or at home.

Skill Reminder A helping verb works with the main verb to tell about an action. The words *have*, *has*, and *had* are often used as helping verbs.

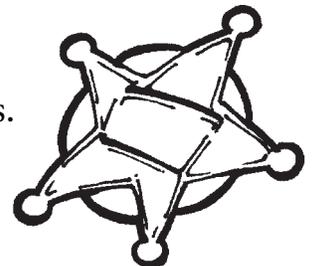
► Circle the helping verb in each sentence.

1. A cowboy and a farmer were looking for gold.
2. The two friends had lost their way in the forest.
3. A map should help them.
4. The cowboy could read a compass.
5. They would not find gold, but they found their way home.



► Complete each sentence with *have* or *has*.

6. The children _____ seen the cattle thieves.
7. Their mother _____ shown them a picture of the robbers.
8. The sheriff _____ hung up “Wanted” posters.
9. Everyone in town _____ looked at the pictures.
10. The cowboys _____ caught the cattle stealers.



► Complete each sentence with a helping verb and the correct form of the main verb in parentheses ().

11. The cowgirl and the cowboy _____ at the hoedown. (**dance**)
12. The rider _____ onto the back of a wild steer. (**climb**)

Skill Reminder Some words have the **VCCV** spelling pattern, as in *napkin* and *enjoy*.

► Fold the paper along the dotted line. As each spelling word is read aloud, write it in the blank. Then unfold your paper, and check your work. Practice spelling any words you missed.

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SPELLING WORDS

1. cowboy
2. horses
3. corral
4. winter
5. always
6. cactus
7. garden
8. tender
9. window
10. basket
11. fifteen
12. lasso
13. market
14. until
15. Monday

