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

Reading Level 1

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 ________ in the barn.
   a) was reading  b) reading  c) were reading  d) we're reading

2. Patty the Chicken ________ in the kitchen before.
   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 ________ by the barn.
   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 best shoes at the barn dance later tonight.
   a) wore  b) was wearing  c) had been wearing  d) will be wearing

5. Mrs. Brown was sad 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 the henhouse fell to pieces.
   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.
   a) is  b) was  c) were  d) has been
8. Shelly the Sheep ________ cold 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 at night.
   a) was  b) were  c) we're  d) been

10. Franky the Pig saw that Farmer Brown ________ the words "Carve bacon" on his to-do list last night.
    a) writes  b) had wrote  c) has written  d) had written

11. "The United States ________ a great place to have a farm," said Farmer Brown.
    a) are  b) am  c) be  d) is

12. Patty the Chicken gave the signal and they ________ by the horse trough.
    a) met  b) meet  c) had meeten  d) meets

13. "We'd all get extra hay if Franky the Pig ________ in charge," said Shelly the Sheep.
    a) was  b) were  c) we're  d) was being

14. Farmer Brown's cold hands ________ startling to Angus the Cow.
    a) were  b) was  c) we're  d) is

15. 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 ________ on a plan to escape the farm.
    a) working  b) are working  c) is working  d) been working
17. Farmer Brown would have found the 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 while Franky the Pig takes his keys.
   a) distract  b) distracted  c) will distract  d) had distracted

   a) sneaked  b) has sneaked  c) is sneaking  d) will sneak

20. After Shelly the Sheep ________ the farmer, Patty the Chicken will open the barn door.
   a) trip  b) trips  c) tripped  d) had tripped

21. After Patty the Chicken had opened the door, Nellie the Horse ________ into the house.
   a) ran  b) runs  c) will run  d) is running

22. When Nellie the Horse got into the house, she ________ into the kitchen and knocked over
    the dishes.
   a) bolts  b) bolted  c) will bolt  d) is bolting

23. Farmer Brown ________ Shelly the Sheep more hay to keep her warm.
   a) could of gave  b) could a gave  c) could of given  d) could have given

24. Angus the Cow is going to hook the wagon to the tractor and then Agatha the Goose
    ________ it.
   a) drove  b) drives  c) will drive  d) had driven

25. If ________ a goose drive a tractor before, you'll want to see this.
   a) you'll never saw  b) you never seen  c) you've never seen  d) you've never saw
26. Patty the Chicken and the other chickens ________ eggs at Farmer Brown as he ran.
   a) throw                               b) threw
   c) are throwing                        d) will throw

27. Shelly the Sheep ________ on Mrs. Brown's sweaters while Nellie the Horse tore through
    the house.
   a) was trying                           b) were trying
   c) will be trying                       d) we're trying

28. Farmer Brown ________ them better when he had the chance.
   a) should of treated                   b) should have treated
   c) should a treated                    d) should treat

29. Farmer Brown made a deal with the animals so that they all ________ in peace.
   a) had lived                           b) had been living
   c) could life                         d) could live

30. If I ________ Farmer Brown, I would get my bacon and beef from the store.
    a) was                                b) were
    c) we're                               d) was being