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

Reading Level 2

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 ________ to one another in the loft on top of the barn.
   a) was reading  
   b) reading  
   c) were reading  
   d) we're reading  

2. Patty the Chicken ________ invited to 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 ________ on the back of Mr Brown's 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 best shoes at the hoedown later tonight.
   a) wore  
   b) was wearing  
   c) had been wearing  
   d) will be wearing  

5. Mrs. Brown was upset 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 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 Harvest Festival.
   a) is  
   b) was  
   c) were  
   d) has been
8. Shelly the Sheep ________ too cold to go outside 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.
   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 earlier that morning.
    a) writes
    b) had wrote
    c) has written
    d) had written

11. "The United States ________ a great place to have a farm 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 the horse trough.
    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
    a) was
    b) were
    c) we're
    d) was being

14. Farmer Brown's cold hands ________ so startling to Angus the Cow that the barn echoed with moos of horror.
    a) were
    b) was
    c) we're
    d) is

15. Frankie the pig noticed that 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 the farm.
   a) working  b) are working  c) is working  d) been working

17. Farmer Brown would have found the escape plans if Shelly the Sheep ________ them just in time.
   a) hasn't  b) hadn't ate  c) hadn't aten  d) hadn't eaten

18. Agatha the Goose ________ Farmer Brown 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.
   a) sneaked  b) has sneaked  c) is sneaking  d) will sneak

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

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

22. When Nellie the Horse got into Farmer Brown's 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 a sweater to keep her warm after sheering her.
   a) could of gave  b) could a gave  c) could of given  d) could have given
24. Angus the Cow and Frankie the Pig are 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 want to keep your eyes on Agatha.
   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 and Mrs. Brown as they tried to flee.
   a) throw                       b) threw
   c) are throwing                d) will throw

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

28. They agreed that 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 Franky the Pig and the rest of 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 at the store after seeing those animals in action.
    a) was                        b) were
    c) we're                      d) was being