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 written  
    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
23. Farmer Brown ________ Shelly the Sheep a sweater to keep her warm after sheering her with those dreadfully noisy clippers.
   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 attach 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 as this spectacle unfolds.
   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 attempted to escape.
   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 stampeded through the house.
   a) was trying  
   b) were trying  
   c) will be trying  
   d) we're trying

28. The animals 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 ________ together peacefully.
   a) had lived  
   b) had been living  
   c) could life  
   d) could live

30. After seeing the defensive capabilities of those animals, I would get my bacon and beef from the store if I ________ Farmer Brown.
    a) was  
    b) were  
    c) we're  
    d) was being