

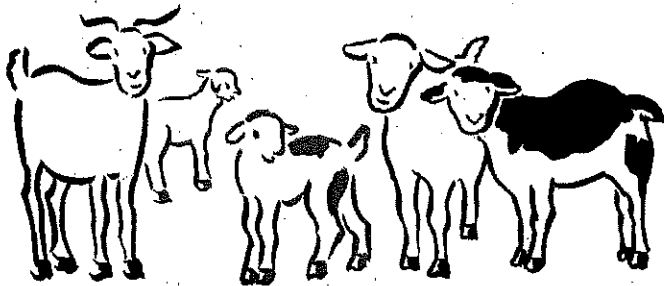
READING COMPREHENSION

"They Need a Cow"

"These children don't need a cup, they need a cow," thought Dan West.

West was frustrated that his volunteer efforts during the Spanish Civil War of the 1930s did not seem to be helping enough people. Day after day, hungry children begged for the food that he distributed, but the provisions that he gave to one, he had to deny to another. (1) West decided that simply *bestowing* food would not improve lives. (2) People needed a way to *refurbish* their own food supplies. Thus, Operation Heifer, now Heifer International, was born.

Heifer International gives livestock—heifers (young cows), goats, and even bees—to people in need. These animals provide renewable sources of food, such as milk and honey. (3) However, giving one family a goat, while ignoring another family, would *abet* inequality. So any family that receives livestock is required to give the animal's first born offspring to another needy family. (4) Or the family can keep the offspring and *offset* the livestock gift by giving another family enough money to buy its own animal.



Early missions of Heifer International brought cowhands to war-torn Europe, in the 1940s. (5) In countries like Poland, the organization provided *deliverance* from poverty, as farmers once again were

able to produce their own food. (6) At first, animals and volunteers traveled by ship, but the process was *expedited* when they began to travel by plane. In an account of his journey to Korea, cowboy Newton S. Goodridge paints a vivid picture of traveling on a plane with 100 goats, 600 rabbits, and an estimated 1,500,000 bees! Heifer International has helped more than 4.5 million farm families in over a hundred countries to become self-reliant.

A terrible civil war in Mozambique pushed hundreds of thousands of people from their lands. (7) These refugees were forced to seek *sanctuary* in neighboring countries. (8) Seventeen years after the war began, a treaty *pacified* the country. (9) When people returned from their *havens*, they had no livestock and found that years of violence had turned their once-fertile land to dust. (10) In 1995, Heifer International *interceded* by supplying goats to families. By 1999, more than 1,600 baby goats had been given to others.

Some aid recipients have achieved such success for themselves that they have been able to increase the required livestock gift. In 2001, Ganga Devi Khanai received two goats from Heifer International. Within a year, she had enough money to pay for her children's schooling and to buy a water buffalo. That animal helped her to farm and provided milk for her to sell. Ganga was required to pass on two goats to others, but in gratitude, she decided to give a third goat. Ganga also helped to found a cooperative business that funds community schooling for women.

The mooing of cows, the bleating of goats, and the buzzing of bees are all signs that Heifer International is on the way. Its volunteers spread dignity and hope to people worldwide.

Each sentence below refers to a numbered sentence in the passage. Write the letter of the choice that gives the sentence a meaning that is closest to the original sentence.

- _____ 1. West decided that simply _____ food would not improve lives.
a. removing b. giving c. producing d. rescuing
- _____ 2. People needed a way to _____ their own food supplies.
a. renew b. speed up c. store d. consume
- _____ 3. Giving one family a goat, while ignoring another, would _____ inequality.
a. encourage b. eliminate c. rescue d. argue for
- _____ 4. Or the family can keep the offspring and _____ the livestock gift.
a. encourage b. repair c. plead for d. make up for

- _____ 5. In countries like Poland, the organization provided _____ from poverty.
a. refreshment b. honor c. escape d. peace
- _____ 6. The process was _____ when they began to travel by plane.
a. repaired b. calmed down c. presented d. sped up
- _____ 7. These refugees were forced to seek _____ in neighboring countries.
a. progress b. honors c. safety d. food
- _____ 8. Seventeen years after the war began, a treaty _____ the country.
a. helped to assist b. ended fighting in c. caused hunger in d. frightened
- _____ 9. When people returned from their _____, they had no livestock.
a. protected areas b. places of worship c. former slavery d. retirement homes
- _____ 10. In 1995, Heifer International _____ by supplying goats to families.
a. caused trouble b. provided help c. got in the way d. made peace

Indicate whether the statements below are TRUE or FALSE according to the passage.

- _____ 1. A goal of Heifer International is to help families become self-reliant.
- _____ 2. Heifer International limits its activities to a few countries in Europe.
- _____ 3. Aid recipients are required to donate to another needy family.

WRITE THE DERIVATIVE

Complete the sentence by writing the correct form of the word shown in parentheses. You may not need to change the form that is given.

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- _____ 1. The money Joe earns working in the convenience store more than _____ his increasing school-activity costs. (*offset*)
- _____ 2. Most people seek _____ from misfortune at some point in their lives. (*deliverance*)
- _____ 3. The school principal _____ strong praise on the winners of the achievement awards. (*bestow*)
- _____ 4. In the Old West, _____ a cattle rustler could get you in a heap of trouble. (*abet*)
- _____ 5. Holding a fair election restored calm and _____ the uprising. (*pacify*)
- _____ 6. As the gale force winds grew stronger, the ship's captain searched his charts of the Maine seacoast for a _____ where he could ride out the storm. (*haven*)
- _____ 7. Were it not for their friend's _____, the quarrel between the brothers might have turned violent. (*intercede*)
- _____ 8. The speedy courier delivered the letter in a manner that can only be described as _____. (*expedite*)
- _____ 9. Because of the loss of their natural habitat, many birds and animals are forced to live in wildlife _____. (*sanctuary*)
- _____ 10. _____ old appliances can conserve resources. (*refurbish*)