

Worksheet: Farmer Jones and his wife

Complete the text using the correct form of the verb in brackets.

Farmer Jones met Jane when he was just a young man. He couldn't help (1 fall) in love with her immediately and asked her to marry him. She said yes although she knew it would mean (2 get) up early to milk the cows for the rest of her life. "Love means never (3 have) to get up early to milk the cows", said Farmer Jones, and explained that he would continue (4 get) up early to milk the cows so Jane could sleep late every day.

Everything went well until they tried (5 increase) their profits by buying some chickens. The first night, a fox ate one of the chickens. Farmer Jones decided (6 build) a fence to protect the chickens. But the ground was too hard so he couldn't. He tried (7 use) an axe to break the ground but it was much too hard. So he went to the local shop and tried (8 buy) a gun. But he didn't have any identification so he couldn't buy one. He tried (9 borrow) one from his neighbours but they were all worried about the fox too.

"I regret not (10 buy) one when I had those rabbit problems", he told Jane.

So Jane went to the shop and bought a gun. That night she tried (11 stop) the fox. At first she tried (12 scare) the fox by shooting into the air but it didn't work. So she tried (13 hit) the fox but she missed. She called her husband and he ran after the fox to try (14 catch) it but he wasn't fast enough. They tried (15 shout) at the fox and they tried (16 throw) things at it and they tried (17 leave) other food for the fox but nothing worked.

Soon they had only 1 chicken left. They tried (18 ask) their neighbours for help and one of their neighbours told them to try (19 put) tiger dung on the ground. So they went to the local zoo to try (20 buy) some tiger dung.

They put the dung on the ground and they never saw the fox again.