

Looking for a Home

SOL Writing Prep with
Technology Enhanced Items

Read this section of Looking for a Home, and use it to answer the questions that follow.

(1) When Lee woke p the next morning he wanted to see the chicks. (2) He pulled on his clothes, sneaked out of the house, and went to the chicken yard. (3) By the time he reached the wire cages, his shoes were soak from the heavy dew

(4) Since the farmer had said the chicks spend the day outside, Lee began pulling up the cage doors so the clucking hens and their babies could come out.

(5) At breakfast he said nothing about the chicks. (6) He followed the farmer out to the chicken yard when it was time to start chores, eager to show what he had done. (7) But when they got to the cages, there in the dewy grass were the baby chicks--all dead!

(8) The old man frowned at him. (9) "Did you open the cages" he asked angrily. (10) "Don't you know them chicks drowned in the early dew? (11) They wasn't to come out till the sun dried it up!" (12) Lee was horrified that he had killed the fuzzy creatures. (13) He had just been trying to help.

(14) The farmer made Lee bury the chicks and would barely speak to him. (15) The woman, as usual, was silent. (16) Lee was miserable. (17) When the farmer and his wife could not see him, he cried about what he had done. (18) Late that afternoon, when the matron pulled up in her car and told him to get in, he did not even look back. (19) He sat silent in the back seat as the car bounced over the rough texas roads

(20) "I was really upset at what was happening to me," Lee recalls. (21) "I felt terrible about killing the chicks, but I hadn't known any better. (22) I didn't even care where I was being taken. (23) I was nine years old and life stunk.'

(24) By the time the matron left him with another family, in the little village of Manchester, Texas, Lee had no hope that things would work out. (25) He barely looked around at the large, comfortable house, nor would he smile at tall, friendly Ben Nailing. (26) Bens wife, Ollie, was short and plump and had kind eyes. (27) She took Lee into her warm kitchen and gave him apples and milk. (28) He ate very little.

(29) "I wasn't hungry," he says. (30) "I was willing to give them credit for at least acting interested in me, but the interest was all theirs. (31) As far as I was concerned, the sooner I could get out of there, the better.'

(32) It was growing dark as they showed Lee around the grounds and the barns, and introduced him to the horses. (33) Ben pointed to the woodpile and asked Lee to stack some wood for the kitchen stove on the back porch. (34) Lee was immediately suspicious.

(35) "I remember that farmer who felt my muscles and teeth. (36) It looked like the Nailings thought they'd found ourselves a chore boy. (37) I turned to him and said, "Do it yourself. (38) I didn't come here to work for you." (39) I think my voice was really angry because it sort of surprised me. (40) They both looked shocked. (41) Ben grabbed me by the arm and gave me a hard swat on the behind.

(42) He said, "Now look here, boy, if you're going to be part of this family, you'll pull your weight. (43) That stove has to be fed and that's your job and you don't ever talk to your elders like that. (44) I think your disrespect went too far."

(45) "Well, that was too much for me. (46) I refused to talk to either of them. (48) I figured I had nothing to lose because I wasn't going to be there in the morning, that was for sure. (49) I meant to run away that very night.'

Read sentence 3.

By the time he reached the wire cages, his shoes were soak from the heavy dew.

Which correction should be made to this sentence?

- A** Change By to Bye
- B** Change reached to reach
- C** Change soak to soaked
- D** Change dew to do

Directions: Click and drag the correct punctuation mark to the sentence.

Punctuate sentence 9 correctly.

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Read sentence 10.

"Don't you know them chicks drowned in the early dew?"

In this sentence, them should be written--

- F those
- G they
- H their
- J as it is

Read sentence 19.

He sat silent in the back seat as the car bounced over the rough texas road.

Which correction should be made to this sentence?

- A Change sat to sits
- B Change bounced to bounce
- C Change rough to ruff
- D Change texas to Texas

Read sentence 26.

Bens wife, Ollie, was short and plump and had kind eyes.

In this sentence, Bens should be written-

- F** Bens'
- G** Ben's
- H** Ben's'
- J** as it is

Read sentence 27 and 28.

She took Lee into her warm kitchen and gave him apples and milk. He ate very little.

In these sentences, apples and milk. He ate should be written--

- A apples and milk, so he ate
- B apples and milk. He eats
- C apples and milk, but he ate
- D as it is

Read sentence 36.

It looked like the Nailings thought they'd found ourselves a chore boy.

Which correction should be made to this sentence?

- F** Change looked to look
- G** Change Nailings to nailings
- H** Change they'd to they're
- J** Change ourselves to themselves

Read sentence 40.

They both looked shocked.

In this sentence, They should be written--

- A** He and me
- B** Me and him
- C** He and her
- D** as it is

Which website would be most helpful for a student to find information about orphan trains?

Search: Orphan Train

Results: 1-4 of 29,700,000

The Orphan Train -

Renee Wendinger Radio Interview: New York (WVOX) "In a most beautiful and professional way, this book represents a true labor of love.
theorphantrain.com

Orphan Train Movie - Trailer and Cast

A kindly woman takes a group of orphans out of the New York Children's Rescue Mission, and travels with them to the wild west, where they are to begin...
movies.yahoo.com/movie/orphan-train

Orphan Train History

Between 1854 and 1929 an estimated 200,000 abandoned, and homeless children were placed out during what is known today as the Orphan Train movement. History, timeline, and other information...
[orphantraindepot.com/Orphan TrainHistory.html](http://orphantraindepot.com/OrphanTrainHistory.html)

Genealogy: Orphan Trains - Free Marriage Records Genealogy

Genealogy links to information about the orphan trains 1850-1930, including lists of names of children who rode the trains and stories about some of the individuals...
www.genealinks.com/orphantrain.htm

A student writes a report about an orphan being adopted by a family. Which graphic would best belong with this report?

