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Complete the text using the correct form of the verb in bracket

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.