



Week 34

English Mastery

Primary 1

The Write Tribe

UNIT 17 - PART A
A DAY AT THE FARM

PART 1

VOCABULARY MCQ

1. I planted my seeds in a flower _____.

- a. topiary
- b. prune
- c. fertilizer
- d. pot

2. Which word below has the same meaning as, **cutting away dead branches so that a plant can grow new ones?**

- a. scale
- b. buzz
- c. topiary
- d. prune

3. We use _____ to trim or prune bushes.

- a. scissors
- b. razors
- c. garden shears

4. A person with a _____ is good at growing plants.

- a. brown thumb
- b. green thumb
- c. topiary artist
- d. gardener

5. A person with a _____ is bad at growing plants.

- a. brown thumb
- b. green thumb
- c. topiary artist
- d. gardener



6. The art of _____ is about pruning bushes into wonderful shapes.

- a. topiary
- b. gardening
- c. weeding

6. _____ away unwanted plants protects the garden.

- a. Pruning
- b. Fertilizing
- c. Weeding

BONUS QUESTIONS

8. Which idioms below have the same meaning as **to stop a problem before it becomes big?**

- a. nip it in the bud
- b. an olive branch

9. Which idioms below means **you'd like to repair a relationship?**

- a. nip it in the bud
- b. an olive branch



COLLECTIVE NOUNS

1. A school of

2. A pack of

3. A flock of

4. An army of

5. A gaggle of

6. A litter of

7. A herd of

cows

kittens

fish

birds

wolves

geese

ants

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The sun rose mightily amongst a soufflé of clouds. It was a crisp and cool morning at my Uncle Sam's farm. Today, I will be his farmhand as his actual farmhand is on a holiday and there was no one to assist him. Uncle Sam has many animals in his farm. He has cows, chickens, ducks and even cats. I heard his favorite cat Alice has given birth to a 1. _____ of kittens. I cannot wait to see their little paws and whiskers. However, I need to first help him milk the 2. _____ of cows. I toddled after him with heavy metal pails and watched him as he milked them. The cow shed was as smelly as a pair of dirty socks. I could not wait to get out of there. Luckily, the ordeal was over and Uncle Sam gave me a straw basket to collect eggs from the brood of chickens. This was another smelly task. The chickens cackled noisily like witches as I reached out to grab their eggs. Just then, a 3. _____ of geese ran past. "Why don't we eat eggs from a goose?" I asked Uncle Sam curiously. "Of course, we can eat them but they are a little stronger in taste. Did you know their shells make great art and craft projects?" Uncle Sam beamed. I did not know that but made a mental note to 'borrow' some eggs from the friendly geese later. Finally, it was time for

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breakfast. Aunt May had whipped up a dish fit for the gods. Her signature scrambled eggs with cheese is something not to be missed. Uncle Sam decided to lay a mat near his pond and have breakfast while watching a

4. _____ of birds take a bath. It was a beautiful sight. We gave the remaining pieces of bread to the 5. _____ of fish living in the pond. They ravenously gobbled up every piece! Beyond Uncle Sam's farm, there is a forest. "You must never go there! There is a hungry 5. _____ of wolves living there!" Uncle Sam warned. After the hearty meal, we headed back to the house. On the way, we saw an 6. _____ of ants marching up to the anthill. I was about to stomp them but was promptly stopped. "We must never hurt little creatures. They are just like us. Ants work very hard to feed their colony. We must respect them!" he advised.

Feeling bad, I gave a morsel of my cake to the ants. The ants gratefully carried them away in the speed of light. I learned a lesson to respect all creatures no matter their size. It was a wonderful day at the farm.