ANIMAL QUARREL

Once Camel, Horse, Cow, Sheep, Dog, Rooster, Han, Mouse and other animals had a quarrel for they could not decide, whose name the year count should begin with.
“If man sits upon my back and rides, the long distance becomes short,” said Horse. “Man uses my strength, drinks my milk and even makes lassos of my tail. No animal is more useful for man than me. The year count has to begin with my name.”
“When you work for man, you get barley, oat and hay for that. So you have become the slave for men for food, — the camel replied. — But I do lift loads too big for you to lift and carry them for the distances over several months. When I am hungry, I do not ask for oat and barley. I am content with what I came across on my way: if it is feather grass — I eat feather grass, and if it is wormwood — I eat wormwood. If there is water I drink it, and if there is not — I can stand my thirst for very long. This is why the year count has to begin with my name.”
“I help man tilling the land. The man drinks my milk and makes the kurt and batter from it,” Cow said.
“What would man use to cover the yurt if I wouldn’t give them my wool? Man makes felt, twist threads, and wreathes lassos of it, makes robes from jabaga” Sheep replied.
“If not for me, lot of you would have been stolen by thieves or killed by wolves. I watch over all of you and I begin barking if there is a foe getting closer, informing master” Dog said.
“We help man to get up early in the morning not to be late for work,” Han insisted. “Rooster gets up early and starts to warble letting everyone know that the dawn comes. In midnight he screams to inform that it is time to go to bed not to oversleep in next morning. In evening he screams again giving note that time has come to rest.”
Only Mouse was silent not knowing what to say and thinking how to trick others. Then it suggested, “This quarrel will not do us any good. Better let’s wait until the beginning of the new year and name it after the animal who will be the first to see it.”
As long as Camel was the highest, he thought that no one can see the beginning of the year before him, so he was the first to agree with Mouse. So everyone started to stare waiting for the new year to come.
Meanwhile, Mouse slipped away, climbed secretly upon Camel’s hump and stayed there waiting. As a result, it was the first to see the beginning of the year and inform everyone about it. This is why the first year in the count bears the name of mouse.
And after this quarrel, the saying appeared “The camel thought his size would bring him luck, but he ended up with nothing”.

Questions
1. Why did the animals quarrel?
2. If a person sits on my back and rides, the long distance becomes short. Who said this phrase?
3. Why does the Horse think that the countdown of the year should begin with his name?
4. From what animal do people drink milk and make kurt?
5. What are the benefits of sheep to humans?
6. All the animals said their opinion, why was the mouse silent?
7. Which animal wears the first year of the account and why?
8. What are the benefits of a camel to a human?
9. If there is water I can drink it, and if there is no - what kind of animal can endure thirst for a long time?
10. How did the mouse, who started the year first, deceive other animals?

True ir false
1. The animals quarreled over their place of residence.
2. “If man sits upon my back and rides, the long distance becomes short,” said Horse.

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3. “I help man tilling the land. The man drinks my milk and makes the kurt and batter from it,” Horse said.
4. Only Mouse was silent not knowing what to say and thinking how to trick others.
5. The smallest animal Mouse became the most recent title of the year.
6. “If not for me, lot of you would have been stolen by thieves or killed by wolves. I watch over all of you and I begin barking if there is a foe getting closer, informing master” Sheep said.
7. A dog hid on a camel's hump.
8. If there is water, I will drink it, and if there is no water, the cat is an animal that can endure thirst for a long time.
9. As a result, the beginning of the year begins with the first mouse.
10. After this quarrel, the saying appeared “The camel thought his size would bring him luck, but he ended up with nothing”.

Fill in the gaps
1. People drink ___'s milk and feed meat.
2. A ___ is both a transport and you can drink its milk.
3. Everyone thinks that the ___ will be the very first to see the sun.
4. The __ trick worked, and he was first to see the sun.
5. Camel, _, Cow, __, Dog, ___, Han, __ and other animals had a quarrel for they could not decide, whose name the year count should begin with.
6. Man makes ___, _____, and _____ ____ of it, makes robes from jabaga
7. Mouse _____ away, ____ secretly upon ____’s hump and stayed there waiting.
8. Only ___ was silent not knowing what to say and thinking how to ____ others.
9. The camel thought his ___ would bring him ____, but he _____ __ with nothing
10. In evening he _____ again giving note that time has come to rest.

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