



1.19 Fill in each blank with the correct form of a word from exercise B. Use each word only once. Then listen and check your answers.

Cowboy Life and Culture

In the 1800s, cowboys worked with cattle all across the Western _____¹ of the United States. An important _____² in the cowboys' work was the long distance from cattle ranches¹ to the nearest railroad. Cowboys moved cattle in huge cattle drives. It was hard work. Experts _____³ that in a cattle drive, only about 10 cowboys would be involved in moving over 3,000 cattle.

Over time, cowboys _____⁴ some very interesting _____⁵. For example, some cowboys would sing to their cattle at night to keep them quiet. Some _____⁶ American songs were originally cowboy songs, and people _____⁷ sing them today.

Cowboys have not _____⁸ completely; however, there are not nearly as many as there were in the past. And even though there are fewer _____⁹ cowboys now, many people in parts of the United States wear cowboy hats and boots. Rodeos² are also very popular in some parts of the United States and help _____¹⁰ some aspects of the cowboy culture.

¹ranches (n): large farms where animals are raised

²rodeos (n): public events where cowboys show their skills

