

The boy who cried "wolf"



There was once a boy who lived in a _____. His family owned many sheep. The boy had a job to watch the _____. If a wolf came near, he needed to call for help. His sheep stayed on a hill near the village. One day, he thought of a **trick** he could play on the people who lived in the village. He ran and _____ out for help. He shouted, "There is a wolf! Help! Help!" The _____ heard him crying and thought that ²they had to help. So, the villagers ran to _____ him. They would try to help him and **protect** his sheep. However, when the villagers got there, the _____ laughed at them. There was no wolf there. He thought it was _____.

Then another day the boy tried the same _____. Once again, the villagers came to help him out, and the boy laughed at them. Then, one day, a wolf really did _____, and ³it started **chasing** the sheep. In great **fright**, the boy _____ for help. "Wolf! Wolf!" ⁴he screamed. "There is a wolf! Help! Please! Help!" All the villagers _____ him, but they thought he was pulling another trick, and the shepherd-boy lost all his sheep.

When the villagers found out ⁵they were _____, but they told the poor boy it was his **fault**. That is the kind of thing that happens to people who _____. Even when they tell the truth, no one believes them.

A. Look at the words which are numbered in the passage. What does each word refer to?

1. He - _____
2. They - _____
3. It - _____
4. He - _____
5. They - _____

B. Circle the words that has the same meaning as it is used in the passage.

- 6. Trick - _____
- 7. Protect - _____
- 8. Chasing - _____
- 9. Fright - _____
- 10. Fault - _____

C. Answer the following questions.

- 11. Who owned the sheep?
- 12. What did he do to the people who lived in the village?
- 13. Why did the boy laugh at the villagers?
- 14. What happened to all his sheep?
- 15. What can be learned from this story?