

Read the text below and complete the following table with no more than three words and/or a number from the text for each answer.

A Drought

My parents are farmers. We grow corn in our small plot of land and rear some cattle for milk and meat. We live quite comfortably and lead a happy life. However, last year was a challenge for our survival because we had to bear the damaging effects of drought.

The weather was very hot and the daily temperatures were soaring. The regular temperature was 40 degrees Celsius! The drought lasted for a year. My father had just grown the corn which was our daily food. However, the young corn plants wilted as they were unable to withstand the extreme heat. My father was shattered as there would be no income from the crop. The vegetables that my mother grew too died due to the severe heat. Luckily, we had some sacks of cornmeal from last year's crop and hence, our daily meal was just cornbread and scrambled eggs from the chickens we reared.

The cows were also suffering in the intense heat. Water was scarce and the stream we get water from was drying up. Grass which was the main source of meal for the cows was also not available due to the heat. Luckily, we had some corn cobs which we grounded as food for the cows. As the months passed by, we had no income so we had to sell the cows. Life was getting difficult.

A year later, as I was walking to school, I felt a raindrop on my face. I looked at the sky. I could see black clouds gathering in the sky. Soon, rain poured. In a few weeks, grass emerged from the parched land. It was a beautiful sight to see the greenery after a year living on a barren and parched land.

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Parents' occupation	1 _____
Duration of drought	2 _____
Food during drought	3 _____
	4 _____
Farm animals	5 _____
	6 _____
Alternative food for cows	7 _____
Landscape during drought	8 _____

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