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Exercise 4

Using the Verb "To be"

Write the correct form of "to be" in present tense.

My name (be) _____⁽¹⁾ John. I (be) _____⁽²⁾ fifteen years old. I live on a farm. It (be) _____⁽³⁾ in the country. It is quiet in the country. It (be, not) _____⁽⁴⁾ loud in the country.

I wake up early. Sometimes, I wake up before the sun rises. Sometimes, it (be) _____⁽⁵⁾ still dark when I wake up. But I don't mind. I like waking up that early. I like the way the country looks in the morning.

The first thing I do after I wake up is milk the cow. After I (be) _____⁽⁶⁾ finished milking the cow, I bring the milk to my mom. I think she uses it to make breakfast. She makes a delicious breakfast. My mom (be) _____⁽⁷⁾ a really good cook.



Next, I feed the pigs. One time, I asked my mom how come my little sister doesn't feed them. She said it is because my sister (be, not) _____⁽⁸⁾ strong enough. But I still don't understand. She is almost as strong as me! I guess my mom doesn't want my sister to get hurt. After all, the pigs can (be) _____⁽⁹⁾ pretty rough, especially when they (be) _____⁽¹⁰⁾ hungry.

The last thing I do (be) _____⁽¹¹⁾ feed the chickens. That (be) _____⁽¹²⁾ easy. I just throw some food down on the ground and they run out and eat it. While the chickens (be) _____⁽¹³⁾ eating, I go into their house to collect their eggs. Chicken eggs (be) _____⁽¹⁴⁾ really good to eat. They (be) _____⁽¹⁵⁾ easy to cook too. That is what I do in the mornings. I (be) _____⁽¹⁶⁾ pretty busy.