

I. Complete the text with the correct words according to their pronunciation

.: The Boy Who Cried Wolf :.



When I (1) _____ /wɒz/ a lad, my father (2) _____ /ju:zd/ to send me out to the fields each day to (3) _____ /wɒtʃ/ over his sheep. Hey-how, there are worse jobs than (4) _____ /sɪtɪŋ/ out in the fresh air all day, but it was (5) _____ /bɔ:riŋ/ work for a lad. I (6) _____ /lɒŋd/ to be running around with my friends, playing ball, or making (7) _____ /'bɔɪʃ/ mischief.

“Can’t the (8) _____ /ʃi:p/ look after themselves?” I (9) _____ /ɑ:skt/ my father. “After all, they know how to bleat and (10) _____ /mʌntʃ/ grass, and there isn’t much else that they do.”

But father said it was (11) _____ /ɪm'pɔ:tənt/ work. And most of (12) _____ /ɪm'pɔ:təntli/ of all, I must (13) _____ /ki:p/ my eyes peeled for the (14) _____ /wʊlf/ , in case he came sneaking into the fields and (15) _____ /græbd/ one of the spring lambs.

And so I (16) _____ /'kʊdnt/ even go to sleep. I had to sit and keep a (17) _____ /ʃɑ:p/ look-out. After a few weeks of this, I got so bored that I began to (18) _____ /wɪʃ/ that the wolf would (19) _____ /ʃəʊ 'ʌp/ and give me something to do.

And then I got (20) _____ /θɪŋkɪŋ/ to myself. Let’s (21) _____ /'laɪvən/ things up a bit, I thought. Let’s play a (22) _____ /trɪk/ on the villagers. And so I got up and ran as fast as I could into the (23) _____ /'vɪlɪdʒ/ shouting at the top of my voice:

“Wolf! (24) _____ /wʊlf/ WOOOOOOOLF !”

And the villagers (25) _____ /græbd/ sticks, rolling pins, and (26) _____ /'pɪtʃfɔ:ks/ and came running up to the field to (27) _____ /tʃeɪs/ away the wolf.

But when they got there, all was (28) _____ /'pi:sfəl/ . The lambs were (29) _____ /'frʌlɪkɪŋ/ as usual, quite unmolested.

And I laughed

“Ha ha (30) _____ /fu:ld/ you all ! “

But (31) _____ /nʌn/ of the villagers laughed with me. Some of them (32) _____ /'grʌmbld/ and the blacksmith became quite angry and (33) _____ /ʃaʊtɪd/ at me. But he was just a bad sport who couldn’t see the funny side of my joke.

And so a week (34) _____ /'leɪtər/ I did the same thing again, (35) _____ /'əʊnli/ this time I put on an even better act. I (36) _____ /dɔ:bd/ red paint on my arm, and pretended that the wolf had (37) _____ /'brɪtən/ me.

This fooled even the (38) _____ /'blæksmɪθ/, who was on his guard after the last trick I had played.

And when they all arrived (39) _____ /'breθləs/ in the field I again called out

“Ha Ha ! Fooled You! “

And this time, (40) _____ /kwɑːt/ a few of the villagers were (41) _____ /'æŋgri/ with me, and I got quite an (42) _____ /'ɪrwɪŋɪ/ from the blacksmith, the (43) _____ /'tiːtʃər/, and the iron-monger. When I got home, my father was furious and told me that I had a (44) _____ /'stjuːpɪd/ sense of humour. But I (45) _____ /θɔːt/ it was funny. And so did my friends.

About a week after that, I was (46) _____ /sɪtɪŋ/ up on the hill watching my father's sheep as usual. It was getting on for evening, and the sun was (47) _____ /'setɪŋ/ behind the forest. I would have to (48) _____ /spend/ the night out there, and oh, how (49) _____ /'ləʊnli/ and bored was I. Then all of a sudden the sheep dogs started to bark and the (50) _____ /flɒk/ was running around and (51) _____ /bliːtɪŋ/ like they had all gone mad. Only they hadn't. There was a wolf among the sheep and he had (52) _____ /siːzd/ a lamb.

“Wolf ! Wolf ! WOOOOOOOOOOOOOLF !” I called out and I ran into the village to get help.

But (53) _____ /'nəʊbədi/ came. Not one villager. They carried on doing whatever they were doing. Eating supper, drinking ale, or finishing off their work for the day.

“But please,” I said to the blacksmith, “This time it's true. There (54) _____ /'rɪəli/ is a wolf.”

And he just (55) _____ /ʃrʌŋd/ his shoulders.

You see nobody believes a (56) _____ /'laɪə/, even when he's speaking the truth.

And that's why you should never cry wolf (57) _____ /ən'les/ you really mean it.

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“Can’t the (8) **sheep** look after themselves?” I (9) **asked** my father. “After all, they know how to bleat and (10) **munch** grass, and there isn’t much else that they do.”

But father said it was (11) **important** work. And most of (12) **importantly** of all, I must (13) **keep** my eyes peeled for the (14) **wolf**, in case he came sneaking into the fields and (15) **grabbed** one of the spring lambs.

And so I (16) **couldn’t** even go to sleep. I had to sit and keep a (17) **sharp** look-out. After a few weeks of this, I got so bored that I began to (18) **wish** that the wolf would (19) **show** up and give me something to do.

And then I got (20) **thinking** to myself. Let’s (21) **liven** things up a bit, I thought. Let’s play a (22) **trick** on the villagers. And so I got up and ran as fast as I could into the (23) **village** shouting at the top of my voice:

“Wolf! (24) **Wolf** WOOOOOOOLF !”

And the villagers (25) **grabbed** sticks, rolling pins, and (26) **pitch-forks** and came running up to the field to (27) **chase** away the wolf.

But when they got there, all was (28) **peaceful**. The lambs were (29) **frolicking** as usual, quite unmolested.

And I laughed

“Ha ha (30) **Fooled** you all ! “

But (31) **none** of the villagers laughed with me. Some of them (32) **grumbled** and the blacksmith became quite angry and (33) **shouted** at me. But he was just a bad sport who couldn’t see the funny side of my joke.

And so a week (34) **later** I did the same thing again, (35) **only** this time I put on an even better act. I (36) **daubed** red paint on my arm, and pretended that the wolf had (37) **bitten** me. This fooled even the (38) **blacksmith**, who was on his guard after the last trick I had played.

And when they all arrived (39) **breathless** in the field I again called out

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About a week after that, I was (46) sitting up on the hill watching my father's sheep as usual. It was getting on for evening, and the sun was (47) setting behind the forest. I would have to (48) spend the night out there, and oh, how (49) lonely and bored was I. Then all of a sudden the sheep dogs started to bark and the (50) flock was running around and (51) bleating like they had all gone mad. Only they hadn't. There was a wolf among the sheep and he had (52) seized a lamb.

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