



# The Case of the Dancing Cowboy

## How well did you read?

1. Who is the narrator of the story?

- A. Slim
- B. Loper
- C. Hank the Cowdog
- D. Drover

2. Which dog started chasing ashes first?

- A. Hank
- B. Drover
- C. Loper
- D. Slim

3. Why does Slim say he can't go to the dance?

- A. He can't dance and doesn't want to learn
- B. He doesn't have a date and couldn't get one
- C. His hair is singed from the fire
- D. All of the above

4. Drover distracts Hank from yelling at him by talking about what animal?

- A. Dogs
- B. Elephants
- C. Goats
- D. Cats

5. What distracted Hank from licking the oil out of the sardine can?

- A. A mouse running across the floor
- B. A knock at the door
- C. Drover barking at something out the window
- D. Slim calling his name

6. What did Slim offer Viola when she came in?

- A. A book he'd borrowed from her
- B. A jacket
- C. A cup of coffee
- D. That day's newspaper

7. Why did Viola show up at Slim's house?

- A. Her car broke down
- B. She wanted to ask Slim out to dinner
- C. She wanted to hire Slim to fix her roof
- D. Slim had taken Hank and she wanted him back

8. What made Slim hit his head on the hood of the car?

- A. Hank bit him on the leg
- B. He was shocked by a loose wire
- C. Viola startled him by tapping his shoulder
- D. He suddenly remembered he'd left the stove on



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9. What did Hank dream about while Viola was cutting Slim's hair?

- A. Chasing and catching mice
- B. Eating more sardines
- C. Taking a car ride with Slim and Drover
- D. He and Viola went to the dance together

10. What did Hank figure out Viola had done to get Slim's attention?

- A. She ran over his mail box
- B. She cut her hair shorter
- C. She'd pulled off the spark plug wire herself
- D. She wore a dress that was his favorite color

11. Who appeared at Viola's car door?

- A. Loper
- B. Slim
- C. Sally May
- D. Drover

12. Where did Hank throw up the sardines?

- A. Under Slim's bed
- B. In the pile of trash in Slim's house
- C. In Viola's car
- D. In the back of Slim's truck during the dance

## Working with Words

Match each word with its definition.

- A. valuable
- B. extremities
- C. absurd
- D. ridiculed
- E. ventures
- F. muttering
- G. treacherous
- H. scapegoat
- I. nourishment
- J. lollygagged
- K. lopsided
- L. scorched
- M. malady
- N. barrage
- O. bodacious

- \_\_\_ 1. Burned on the surface
- \_\_\_ 2. Risky or daring journeys or acts
- \_\_\_ 3. Spent time aimlessly; moved without purpose
- \_\_\_ 4. The furthest point or limit of something
- \_\_\_ 5. A great number of complaints or criticisms suddenly directed at someone
- \_\_\_ 6. Speaking in a low tone, often talking to oneself, usually to express a complaint
- \_\_\_ 7. Desirable, has a high value (of money, usefulness, etc.)
- \_\_\_ 8. The food or nutrients necessary for growth and health
- \_\_\_ 9. Guilty of betrayal or deception
- \_\_\_ 10. Leaning to one side; lacking balance
- \_\_\_ 11. Excellent, admirable, or attractive
- \_\_\_ 12. Wildly unreasonable, illogical, or inappropriate
- \_\_\_ 13. A disease or ailment; an undesirable condition
- \_\_\_ 14. To make fun of, usually unkindly with the intention of humiliating
- \_\_\_ 15. Someone who is blamed for the mistakes or faults of others



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## Working with Words

Using what you learned, use each word in a new sentence.

1. Valuable \_\_\_\_\_

2. Extremities \_\_\_\_\_

3. Absurd \_\_\_\_\_

4. Ridiculed \_\_\_\_\_

5. Ventures \_\_\_\_\_

6. Muttering \_\_\_\_\_

7. Treacherous \_\_\_\_\_

8. Scapegoat \_\_\_\_\_

9. Nourishment \_\_\_\_\_

10. Lollygagged \_\_\_\_\_

11. Lopsided \_\_\_\_\_

12. Scorched \_\_\_\_\_

13. Malady \_\_\_\_\_

14. Barrage \_\_\_\_\_

15. Bodacious \_\_\_\_\_



# The Case of the Dancing Cowboy Puzzle Through It

Unscramble the words, then find them in the word search puzzle.

HKAN _____	YLSLS YMA _____	SESRINAD _____	UNBSBTRO _____
CWGODO _____	RRDOVE _____	ENADC _____	RNEGE NEBA _____
LSMI _____	HRACN _____	ECFFOE _____	GAGAEBR _____
IVAOL _____	SATGO _____	KSARP LPGU _____	LBRRAE _____
ORLEP _____	CHTIRAU _____	OMRTO _____	CBYWO _____

S V C D Q M C K P G N G D O D B I S N T  
 N P E R K O O L W R K R B A A E A V N U  
 C H A F G T F J J E L H O R N L J I W C  
 H P A R Y O F U F E F O R B L C O Y C R  
 P N C Z K R E H M N A E X Y B H E I O I  
 M I L S Z P E Y Y B L K M W C U I C V A  
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 Y O B W O C G U H A Y V A R U G B S N A  
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 L M W S E N I D R A S Y T L E N R P P J  
 C O W D O G E A B O X Q S P K Y K C N C  
 J G P Q O I G M S K U I Y W I D G X P N



# The Case of the Dancing Cowboy

## Let's Get Colorful

Write a caption for each photo to describe the part of the story it illustrates, then color it in.

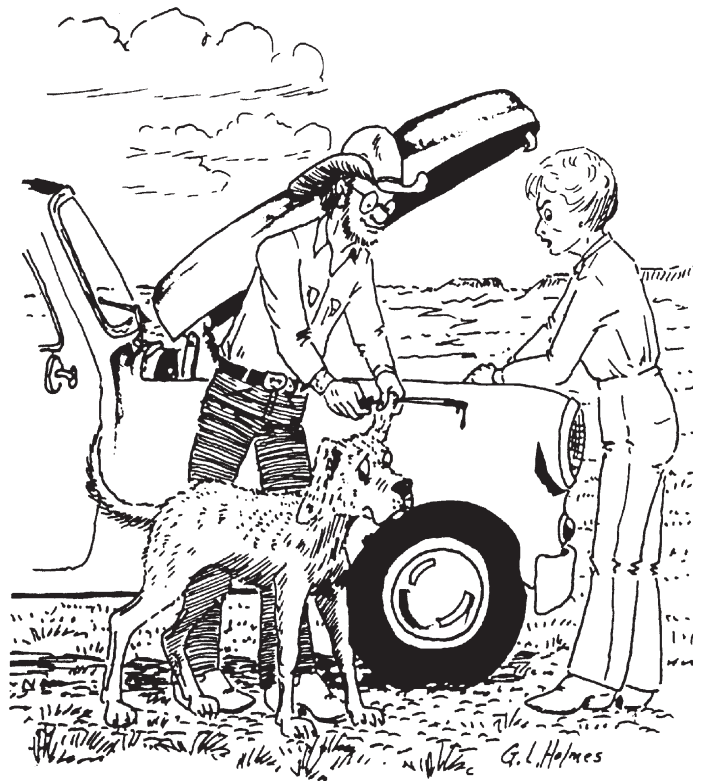


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