

Name _____

Read the story. Read it again. Can you find the special words in the story? Count the number of times that you see each special word and write it next to the word on the following page.

Just One Thin Dime!

The hot summer had arrived in North Dakota, along with all of the work that we had to do on the farm. I was only eight years old, but I was already driving a tractor around and around the fields of grain to help Dad. My brother, Michael, and I had chores that began before seven o'clock in the morning and sometimes we worked out in the fields with him until after eight o'clock at night. He would let us stop for meals and snacks, but we never seemed to have a day off during that long hot summer.

One Saturday morning, Mom woke us up to tell us that Dad had a surprise for us. He was giving us the day off and we were all going to the county fair! We got dressed in less than eight minutes and then we were off for a day of exciting adventures!

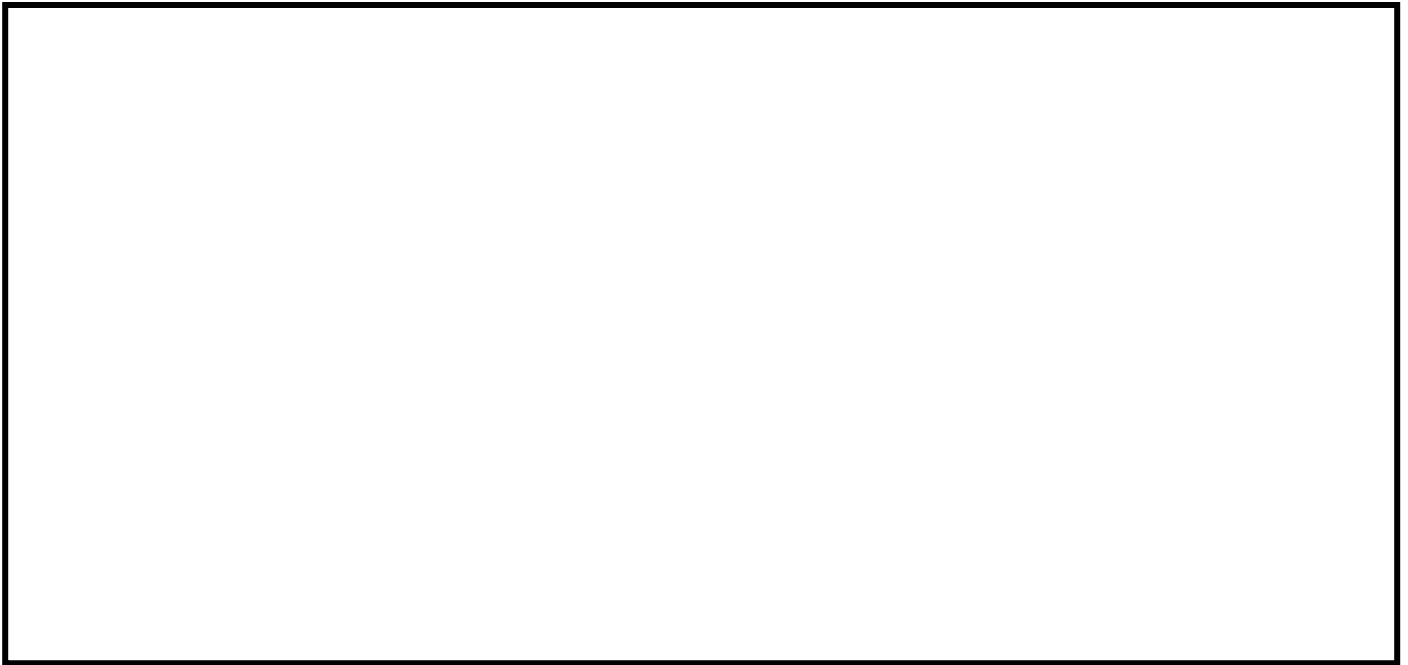
We spent the day looking at the prize winning animals, tasting the pies and hot dishes that busy moms and grandmas had entered in the baking contests, and riding the Ferris wheel and the ponies on the merry-go-round. By the end of the day, we were all hot, tired, and dirty, but Dad wasn't ready to stop.

He still had seven or eight coins left in his pocket and decided to play the coin toss game before going home. He was pretty good at it because he liked to skip pebbles across the top of the lake at home. My brother and I watched as those thin dimes skipped from one plate to another to stop right in the middle of a saucer every time! What prizes did Dad win with each of those dimes? We went home with eight fluffy ducklings who thought that my brother and I were their new mamas!

We had lots of baby animals on the farm, but we had never had ducklings before. Even though we had to go back and work in the fields for the rest of the summer, we didn't mind so much after the day at the fair. Michael and I spent many hours watching those ducklings waddle around the farm, chasing bugs and playing a goofy game of Duck, Duck, Goose with the chickens and geese. Those daffy ducks gave us lots of laughs and each one cost just one thin dime!

stop _____ off _____ never _____ seven _____ eight _____

Draw a picture of some of the things that the author and his family did at the fair.



Fill in the Blanks

Read each sentence below. Circle the missing word and write it in the space.

1. We started work at _____ o'clock in the morning.
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2. We _____ seemed to have a day _____ .
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3. Dad let us _____ for meals and snacks.
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Yes or No?

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| 1. Does the story happen in the city? | yes | no |
| 2. Did the author drive a tractor? | yes | no |
| 3. Was he a grown-up in the story? | yes | no |
| 4. Did his family go to the county fair? | yes | no |
| 5. Did Dad win eight baby chicks? | yes | no |

It's a Match!

Draw a line to connect the naming part of the sentence with the action part of the sentence. Read them to yourself to make sure that they make sense. The first one is done for you.

My brother and I drove a tractor when I was 8 years old.

I had to do chores on the farm.

We were lots of exciting adventures.

One Saturday helped Dad every day.

There won eight ducklings in the coin toss.

Dad Dad took us to the county fair.

What did the author drive on the farm?

How old was the author in the story?

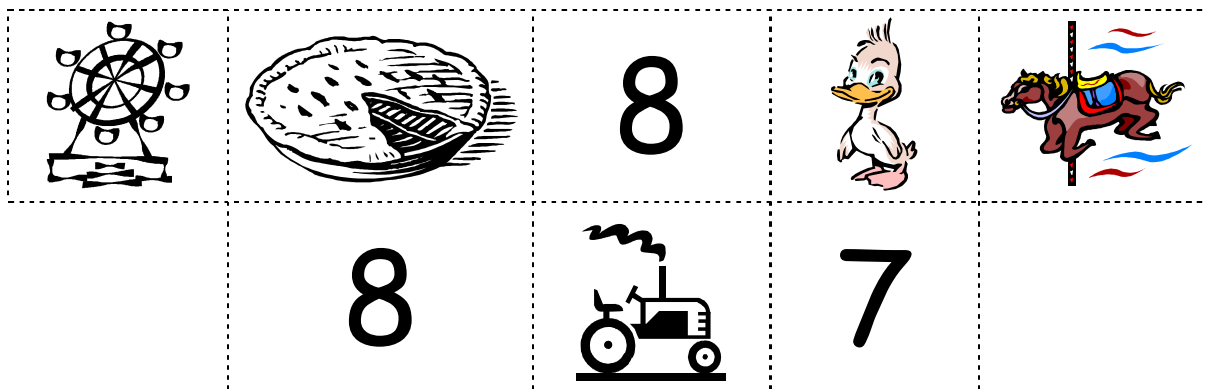
What time did chores begin and end?

What did Dad win with each dime?

What did the boys taste at the fair?

What did the boys ride at the fair?

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Reread the story. Think about what you like to do when you go to a carnival or to the fair.
Write about the fun that you and your family have had together at the fair.

Fun at the Fair
