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**Little House on the Prairie**  
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1. What had Pa done before setting the door in place?
  - a) took Mary and Laura fishing
  - b) started on the stable door
  - c) made a latch to keep the door shut
  - d) built a clothes-line for Ma
  
2. What did Pa make to allow the door to be opened from the outside?
  - a) a big handle
  - b) a latch-string
  - c) a door knob
  - d) a wooden lever
  
3. Which of the following was the good, sturdy door missing? (Choose 3)
  - a) oak slabs
  - b) latch
  - c) doorknob
  - d) keyhole
  - e) key
  - f) hinges
  
4. The barn door was exactly like the house door except for one thing. What did the barn door **NOT** have?
  - a) hinges
  - b) a latch
  - c) oak slabs
  - d) leather straps
  
5. What did Pa promise to make as soon as Mr. Edward's house was finished?
  - a) a fireplace
  - b) a table and chairs
  - c) beds
  - d) a clothes-line
  
6. What happened when Laura tried to catch a minnow in the creek?
  - a) she caught a frog instead
  - b) her dress got wet
  - c) she pushed Mary in the water
  - d) she lost her balance and fell

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7. What did Pa do after finishing the chimney with sticks and mud?
- a) went in the house and cut a hole in the wall
  - b) built a fire to dry and harden the mud
  - c) climbed inside the chimney to put a hole inside
  - d) built a fire in the new fireplace
8. After Pa built a mantel-shelf over the top of the fireplace, what did Ma put right in the middle?
- a) a family portrait
  - b) a vase of flowers
  - c) her china woman
  - d) Pa's gun
9. Pa had made a table from two slabs of oak stuck out from a crack in the wall. What did they use for chairs?
- a) chunks of big logs
  - b) they stood on their knees
  - c) boxes of supplies
  - d) they sat on the floor
10. Laura and Mary stayed busy all day long. What happened when they hunted birds' nests in the tall grass?
- a) Pa scolded them
  - b) the wolves found them
  - c) the birds flew away
  - d) the mother birds squawked at them
11. **Fill in the Blank:** Laura and Mary spent a lot of time watching Baby Carrie. They watched her all the time except when \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) Ma gave Carrie her bath
  - b) Jack took his turn as babysitter
  - c) Pa was changing diapers
  - d) Carrie was napping

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12. Why did Pa make everyone come outside of the house while he worked on the roof?
- a) to help haul slabs to the top
  - b) to spend the day swimming
  - c) so that nothing could fall on anyone
  - d) so they could watch him work
13. Pa made a little trough of two slabs. What did he do with it?
- a) nailed it over the crack in the top of the roof
  - b) nailed it to the top of the roof to catch water
  - c) used it to climb to the top
  - d) used it to water the horses
14. Pa split the logs using his ax and a wedge. Then he trimmed the edges to fit them against each other. How did he smooth the wood?
- a) rubbed them down with leather straps
  - b) used sand from the creek bank
  - c) used little, careful blows of his ax
  - d) rain water over the edges
15. Why did Pa leave a space bare near the fireplace?
- a) to use maple wood instead
  - b) to protect the floor from catching fire
  - c) to put the kitchen table
  - d) to protect the floor from catching fire
16. Pa hopes for success at hunting and trapping this winter. What does he hope to buy?
- a) seeds
  - b) glass
  - c) furniture
  - d) livestock

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17. Why can't Jack go hunting with Pa?

- a) he must stay and guard the place
- b) Mary and Laura begged Pa to let them play with Jack
- c) he is not a hunting dog
- d) he was injured when the wolves came to the house

18. When Laura and Mary peeked in the house, where were the Indians?

- a) standing right inside the doorway
- b) sitting at the kitchen table
- c) standing by the fireplace
- d) laying on a rug in front of the fireplace

19. What caused the horrible smell that filled Laura's nose?

- a) the skunk skins that the Indians wore
- b) a skunk ran into the house
- c) the beaver pelts that the Indians wore
- d) the meat that mother was stirring in a pot on the fire

20. What did the Indians do when they came into the house?

- a) they put out the fire and spilled the stew
- b) they ate the stew cooking on the fire
- c) they made Laura and Mary let the horses loose
- d) they ate the cornbread that Ma had baked

21. What did Ma do once the Indians left the house?

- a) ran outside to see which way they went
- b) asked the girls to help her get dinner ready
- c) started packing up their supplies
- d) sat at the table and started crying

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22. What did Pa build and peg right to the wall in a corner of the house?
- a) a kitchen table
  - b) a bedstead
  - c) a well
  - d) a bathroom
23. Pa dug the hole as deep as he could, then he decided that he needed some help. Who did he agree to trade work with?
- a) Mr. Edwards
  - b) Mr. Scott
  - c) the bachelors
  - d) the Indians
24. Laura loved to play outside and watch Pa and his friend work. What did Mary do instead?
- a) sew on her patchwork quilt
  - b) play dolls with Carrie
  - c) help Ma with the laundry
  - d) ride Patty around the yard
25. What happened to Mr. Scott when he climbed into the well before first sending down the bucket?
- a) he started coughing
  - b) he fainted
  - c) he was bit by a snake
  - d) he hit his head
26. What had caused Mr. Scott to pass out while they were digging the well?
- a) a gas that was deep underground
  - b) he had fallen in head first
  - c) the bucket hit his head
  - d) a snake bit him
27. What happened when Pa dropped the bundle down into the well?
- a) he shot it with his gun
  - b) it exploded
  - c) the well filled with water
  - d) it caught on fire

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28. What did Pa cover the well with?

- a) a solid platform with a hole for the bucket
- b) a small, round bench to sit on
- c) a small house with a little door

29. Laura heard a low sound in the distance. Pa said it was cattle. Where did Pa say the cattle herds must be going?

- a) Montana
- b) Texas
- c) Fort Dodge
- d) Fort Leavenworth

30. The cowboys needed Pa's help. What would Pa need to do?

- a) provide food for the cattle and the men
- b) help herd the cattle through the creek
- c) keep the cattle out of the ravines
- d) join the cattle drive to replace an injured cowboy

31. Pa told the cowboys he would not charge them money. What did he ask for in trade?

- a) a good piece of beef
- b) a new saddle
- c) a good milk cow
- d) a new horse

32. Why had the cowboys given Pa the animals along with the beef he asked for?

- a) the cowboys had too many cattle to drive
- b) they were injured
- c) they were too small and thin
- d) Pa paid the cowboys for them

33. What happened when Pa first tried to milk the cow?

- a) she gave the sweetest milk ever
- b) she kicked him
- c) the calf jumped on Pa
- d) she ran away

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34. As the days grew hotter, what happened to the grass?
- a) it got taller
  - b) it died out
  - c) it turned green
  - d) it turned yellow
35. What did Pa do with the treasures that Laura and Mary had found at the Indian camp?
- a) threw them in the creek
  - b) made the girls leave them where they found them
  - c) put them in his pocket
  - d) tied them in his handkerchief
36. **Fill in the Blank:** Laura was excited. They \_\_\_\_\_ were ripe and she went with Ma to pick them on hot afternoons.
- a) apples
  - b) blackberries
  - c) blueberries
  - d) strawberries
37. A man with dark skin came to check on them. Laura remembered that he had given her something to drink when she was sick. Who was he?
- a) a neighbor
  - b) Mr. Scott
  - c) Dr. Tan
  - d) Mrs. Scott's brother
38. What did Pa do since he wasn't able to work after being ill?
- a) laid in bed, too sick to move
  - b) make Ma a rocking-chair
  - c) made the girls a toy train
  - d) made Jack a dog house
39. **Fill in the Blank:** Fever 'n' ague is really \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ spread the disease to people.
- a) yellow fever, watermelons
  - b) cholera, mosquitoes
  - c) malaria, bad waters
  - d) malaria, mosquitoes

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40. How far must Pet and Patty pull the wagon to get to town?

- a) 20 miles a day, for 2 days
- b) 5 miles a day, for 2 days
- c) 10 miles a day, for 3 days
- d) 20 miles a day, for 4 days

41. What is **NOT** something that Pa did to prepare for his trip to town?

- a) hunt for meat
- b) stack the small stack of hay
- c) cut and stack the winter's firewood
- d) plant the fields

42. Why did Father have to lift Almanzo's milk-fed pumpkin into the wagon?

- a) Mr. Edwards
- b) Mary
- c) Ma
- d) Pa

43. What did Pa tell Ma to do with the feathers from all the birds he would shoot?

- a) make feather pillows
- b) make a featherbed
- c) make stuffed toys for each of the girls
- d) make a feather boa



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