

Tapescript

Narrator: **Part 1**

*Polly and her grandfather are talking about cowboys.*

You now have one minute to read this part. (*one-minute music*)

Listen to the first part of the conversation and answer Questions 1 to 5. When you hear a beep (*beep*), tick the best answer. The conversation will be played **once** only. The conversation will begin now.

Grandpa: Polly, what's that book you're reading?

Polly: Oh, it's about cowboys.

Grandpa: Cowboys? I didn't know you were interested in cowboys!

Polly: Well, last week my friend, Jane, and I watched an old film on TV. It was about cowboys. We liked the film and decided to learn more about cowboys. So I borrowed this book from the library.

Grandpa: Say, did you know I was a cowboy many years ago?

Polly: You were a cowboy, Grandpa? Wow! I didn't know that!

Grandpa: Well, you see, I left Hong Kong not because I wanted to be a cowboy, but to see different parts of the world. I had just finished school, and a friend and I both bought tickets for a ship going to the United States. I had planned to travel for a few months before marrying your grandma and then going to work in my dad's business.

Polly: Did you stay in the United States?

Grandpa: No, the ship was going to America but it stopped off in Canada. I had an uncle who lived there and he invited me to stay with him. So I ended up on a ranch in Canada.

Polly: Grandpa, what is a ranch?

Grandpa: It's like a large farm where cowboys keep their cattle. Many of them have animals like cows and horses on their land.

Polly: What did you do there?

Grandpa: I took care of a large herd of cattle. I thought it would be exciting to learn how to be a cowboy.

Polly: Yeah, that does sound exciting! Did you have to carry a gun?

Grandpa: Oh, yes. We had to carry a gun in case wild animals attacked us.

Polly: Did people use their guns to shoot other people?

Grandpa: Yes, I'm afraid there were a few bad people who did. They used guns to rob others. They were thieves, not cowboys.

Narrator: Now, answer Questions 1 to 5.

Question 1. What first got Polly interested in cowboys? (*beep*) (*5-second pause*)

Question 2. Grandpa left Hong Kong because he wanted to \_\_\_\_\_.  
(*beep*) (*5-second pause*)

Question 3. How did Grandpa become a cowboy? (*beep*) (*5-second pause*)

Question 4. Grandpa carried a gun to \_\_\_\_\_. (*beep*) (*5-second pause*)

Question 5. According to Grandpa, a 'ranch' is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(*beep*) (*5-second pause*)

- Narrator: Now, listen to the second part of the conversation and answer Questions 6 to 10.
- Polly: What was your job like, Grandpa?
- Grandpa: Well, we had to take care of the cattle and keep them from getting lost. We also had to keep them out of danger.
- Polly: Danger? What kind of danger?
- Grandpa: Oh, many things could happen. The cattle could fall down steep mountain sides. They could be attacked by wild animals or even stolen by thieves.
- Polly: Did you ever have to use your gun, Grandpa?
- Grandpa: Yes, I did. I shot my gun only once. A mountain cat tried to attack one of the cows but I scared it away when I fired my gun into the air.
- Polly: How long did you work as a cowboy?
- Grandpa: It was only supposed to be for a summer, but before I knew it, a few months turned into a year, and a year into two years.
- Polly: That's a long time Grandpa. Wasn't ...Grandma waiting for you to marry her?
- Grandpa: She sure was. She might have waited even longer, if I hadn't been thrown off my horse and broke my leg. However, after three weeks in hospital, I decided I had better return to Hong Kong before Grandma married someone else.
- Polly: What a story Grandpa! I had no idea you worked as a cowboy. No one ever told me!
- Grandpa: Well, now you know! Next time, I'll tell you even more interesting stories.
- Narrator: Now, answer Questions 6 to 10.

Question 6.

According to Grandpa, which one of the following is a danger to cattle? (*beep*)  
(5-second pause)

Question 7.

What did Grandpa do to the mountain cat? (*beep*) (5-second pause)

Question 8.

How long did Grandpa work as a cowboy? (*beep*) (5-second pause)

Question 9.

Why did Grandpa return to Hong Kong? (*beep*) (5-second pause)

Question 10.

Arrange the following events in the correct order. Write the number (2 to 5) in the correct box. Number 1 has been done as an example. (*beep*) (10-second pause)

(*beep*) You now have 30 seconds to check your answers.

(30-second pause) (*beep*)

This is the end of Part 1. (5-second pause)