

Task 1. Read the stories and put the verbs in brackets in the correct form.

THE LESSON OF THE BIRDS

Pawnee

One day a man whose mind (1) ... (open) to teaching of the powers wandered on prairie. As he walked, his eyes upon the ground, he (2) ... (spy) a bird's nest hidden in the grass, and arrested his just in time to prevent (3) ... (step) on it. He paused to look at the little nest (4) ... (tuck) away so snug and warm, and noted that it held six eggs and that a 5 (peep) sound came from some of them. While he watched, one moved soon a tiny bill (6) ... (push) through the shell, uttering a shrill cry. At once the parent birds answered and he looked up to see where they (7) ... (be). They were far off; they were flying about in search of food, chirping the while to each other and now and then calling to little one in the nest. The homely scene (8) ... (stir) the heart and the thoughts of the man as he stood under the clear sky, (9) ... (glance) upward toward the old birds and then down to the helpless young in the nest at his feet. As he looked he (10) ... (think) of people, who were so often careless thoughtless of their children's needs, and his mind brooded over the matter. After many days he desired to the nest again. So he went to the place where he (11) ... (find) it, and there it was as safe as when he left it. But a change (12) ... (take) place. It was now full to overflowing with little birds, who (13) ... (stretch) their wings, balancing on their little legs and making ready to fly, while the parents with encouraging calls were coaxing the fledglings to venture forth.

"Ah!" said the man, "if my people would only learn of the birds, and, like them, care for their young and provide for their future, homes (14) ... (be) full and happy, and our tribe be strong and prosperous".

When this man became a priest, he told the story of the bird's nest and sang its song; and so it (15) ... (come) down to us from the days of our fathers.

FOX AND COYOTE AND WHALE

Fox had a beautiful wife. He was very much in love with her, but she (1) ... (stop) caring for him Fox was a great hunter, and every day he (2) ... (bring) home food and fine skins for his wife to make into robes and clothing. He did not know that, while he was away (3) ... (hunt), his wife would sit beside the Swah-netk'-qbu and sing love songs to the water. Painting her face with bright colors, she would pour out her love thoughts in song. Coyote came to visit his twin brother, and soon he (4) ... (notice) the strange actions of his sisterinlaw. He spoke to Fox. "Whyay "looh", he said, I think your wife is in love with

somebody else. But Fox could not believe she loved anyone but him. He (5) ... (blind) by his love for her. Then, one sun, he and Coyote (6) ... (return) from a hunt and she was not in the lodge. So fox started to look for her.

He worked down toward the river and there he (7) ... (see) his wife. She (8) ... (sit) on the river bank, singing a love song. She did not see Fox. He watched her. As Fox (9) ... (watch), the water began to rise. Slowly it rose, higher and higher, and soon, out of the middle of the river, (10) ... (appear) a big monster of the fishkind. The monster was En-hah-et'-qbu, the Spirit of the WaterWhale. It swam to the shore. As it (11) ... (touch) dry land, it changed into a tall handsome man with long braided hair. This monster man made love to the wife of fox. Once when everything was quiet, Fox (12) ... (slip up to) whale and cut off the monster's head with a flint knife.

"In the Big Salt water ocean shall monster stay, said Fox. No longer shall he live in the smaller waters, in the rivers, where he can make love to the wives of men, where he can (13) ... (lure) wives from their husbands". The wife of Fox (14) ... (become) contented and happy again, glad to be back in her husband's lodge.

Task 2. Make up sentences to read the information about American folklore.

1) or / is one of the folk traditions / American folklore, / which has evolved/ the folklore of the United States, / in the 16th century / on the North American continent/ since Europeans arrived

2) any community of native people / while it contains much / it should not be confused / in the way of Native American tradition, / with the tribal beliefs of

3) as the folklore of / American folklore / other nations / the same broad categories /covers

4) myths, / it / riddles, / and / jokes, / encompasses / cautionary tales, / many other/ legends, / forms of storytelling