**Exercise 4**

**Using the Verb "To be"**

Write the correct form of "to be" in **present tense**.

My name (be) ________(1) John. I (be) ________(2) fifteen years old. I live on a farm. It (be) ________(3) in the country. It is quiet in the country. It (be, not) ____ ____ _________(4) loud in the country.

I wake up early. Sometimes, I wake up before the sun rises. Sometimes, it (be) ________(5) still dark when I wake up. But I don’t mind. I like waking up that early. I like the way the country looks in the morning.

The first thing I do after I wake up is milk the cow. After I (be) ________(6) finished milking the cow, I bring the milk to my mom. I think she uses it to make breakfast. She makes a delicious breakfast. My mom (be) ________(7) a really good cook.

Next, I feed the pigs. One time, I asked my mom how come my little sister doesn’t feed them. She said it is because my sister (be, not) ____ ____ _________(8) strong enough. But I still don’t understand. She is almost as strong as me! I guess my mom doesn’t want my sister to get hurt. After all, the pigs can (be) _________(9) pretty rough, especially when they (be) _________(10) hungry.

The last thing I do (be) _________(11) feed the chickens. That (be) _________(12) easy. I just throw some food down on the ground and they run out and eat it. While the chickens (be) _________(13) eating, I go into their house to collect their eggs. Chicken eggs (be) _________(14) really good to eat. They (be) _________(15) easy to cook too. That is what I do in the mornings. I (be) _________(16) pretty busy.