

Once upon a time there lived a cat and a mouse. One fine day, the cat bit the mouse's tail off. "Give me back my tail," said the mouse.

And the cat said, "Well, I (*give*) _____¹ you back your tail if you fetched me some milk. But that's impossible to do for a little mouse like you."

The mouse, however, went to the cow. "The cat (*give / only*) _____² me back my tail if I fetch her some milk."

And the cow said, "Well, I would give you some milk if you (*get*) _____³ me some hay. But that's impossible to do for a little mouse like you."

The mouse, however, went to the farmer. "The cat will only give me back my tail if the cow (*give*) _____⁴ me some milk. And the cow (*only / give*) _____⁵ me milk if I get her some hay."

And the farmer said, "Well, I would give you some hay if you (*bring*) _____⁶ me some meat. But that's impossible to do for a little mouse like you."

The mouse, however, went to the butcher. "The cat will only give me back my tail if the cow (*give*) _____⁷ me some milk. And the cow will only give me milk if she (*get*) _____⁸ some hay. And the farmer (*only / give*) _____⁹ me hay if I bring him some meat."

And the butcher said, "Well, I would give you some meat if you (*make*) _____¹⁰ the baker bake me a bread. But that's impossible to do for a little mouse like you."

The mouse, however, went to the baker. "The cat (*give / only*) _____¹¹ me back my tail if I fetch her some milk. And the cow (*give /*

not) _____¹² me milk if I don't bring her hay. And the farmer will only give me hay if butcher (*have*) _____¹³ some meat for him.

And the butcher will not give me meat if you (*bake / not*) _____¹⁴ him a bread."

And the baker said, "Well, I (*give*) _____¹⁵ you some bread if you promise never to steal my corn or meal."

The mouse promised not to steal, and so the baker gave the mouse bread, the mouse gave the butcher bread. The butcher gave the mouse meat, the mouse gave the farmer meat. The farmer gave the mouse hay, the mouse gave the cow hay. The cow gave the mouse milk, the mouse gave the cat milk. And the cat gave the mouse her tail back.

But imagine what would have happened otherwise:

If the mouse (*promised / not*) _____¹⁶ never to steal corn or meal, the baker (*not/give*) _____¹⁷ the mouse bread. If

the baker (*not / give*) _____¹⁸ the mouse bread, the butcher (*not /leave*) _____¹⁹ her any meat for the farmer.

If the butcher (*not / leave*) _____²⁰ her any meat, the farmer (*not / be*) _____²¹ willing to give the mouse

hay. If the farmer (*not / be*) _____²² willing to give the mouse hay, the mouse (*not / fetch*) _____²³ milk

from the cow. If the mouse (*not /fetch*) _____²⁴ milk from the cow, she (*not / get*) _____²⁵ back her tail.

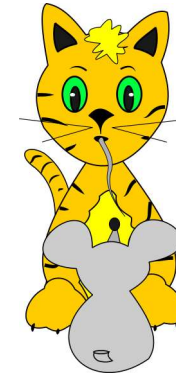
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Lösungen:

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| 1) would give | 14) don't / do not bake |
| 2) will only give | 15) will give |
| 3) got | 16) had not promised |
| 4) gives | 17) would not have given |
| 5) will only give | 18) had not given |
| 6) brought | 19) would not have left |
| 7) gives | 20) had not left |
| 8) gets | 21) would not have been |
| 9) will only give | 22) had not been |
| 10) made | 23) would not have fetched |
| 11) will only | 24) had not fetched |
| 12) won't /will not give | 25) would not have got |
| 13) has | |

Vokabeln:

Once upon a time	Es war einmal
bite off-bit off-bitten off	abbeißen, biss ab, abgebissen
tail	Schwanz
fetch	herbringen, holen
hay	Heu
meat	Fleisch
butcher	Fleischer
make sb. do sth.	jmdn. dazu bringen etwas zu tun
promise	versprechen
steal	stehlen
corn	Getreide
meal	Schrotmehl
imagine	sich etw. vorstellen
happen	passieren
otherwise	anderenfalls



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