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Little House on the Prairie Questions Chapter 9

1. When Pa had Patty and Pet hitched to the wagon, what did he do next?
 - a) asked Mary and Laura if they wanted to go
 - b) told Ma he would be back by sundown
 - c) went to pick up Mr. Edwards
 - d) took Ma with him and left Mary to babysit

2. What were Pa, Mary, and Laura looking for?
 - a) the Indian camps
 - b) rocks to build a fireplace
 - c) the ailing family that Pa had met
 - d) deer to hunt

3. Pa said they could go wading in the shallow water as long as they did not let the water get higher than their _____.

4. What happened when Laura tried to catch a minnow?
 - a) her dress got wet
 - b) she caught a frog instead
 - c) she lost her balance and fell
 - d) she pushed Mary in the water

5. When they returned home, what did Pa do next?
 - a) mixed clay and water
 - b) dug a deep trench for the fireplace
 - c) used string to tie the rocks together
 - d) piled the rocks as high as the house

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6. What had Pa do with the thick mud that he made?
- a) heated the mud to harden it
 - b) mixed the rocks in it
 - c) spread it out over the ground for form a foundation
 - d) placed each layer of rock and spread mud all around each
7. How high did Pa build the rock wall, before adding a log up against the house?
- a) to Laura's chin
 - b) all the way to the roof
 - c) past Ma's head
 - d) as tall as Pa
8. **T F True or False:** As Pa built the chimney higher and higher, he made it bigger and bigger.
9. What had Pa used to slick down his hair when he was courting Ma?
- a) bear grease
 - b) water
 - c) buffalo grease
 - d) tree sap
10. What did Pa do after finishing the chimney with sticks and mud?
- a) built a fire to dry and harden the mud
 - b) went in the house and cut a hole in the wall
 - c) climbed inside the chimney to put a hole inside
 - d) built a fire in the new fireplace
11. How big was the hole for the fireplace?
- a) large enough for Ma to walk into
 - b) as small as the washtub
 - c) big enough for the girls to sit in
 - d) big enough for Jack to sleep in

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12. After Pa built a mantel-shelf over the top of the fireplace, what did Ma put right in the middle?

- a) her china woman
- b) Pa's gun
- c) a family portrait
- d) a vase of flowers

13. When Ma built a little fire in the new fireplace, what did she make for their first meal inside the house?

- a) biscuits and gravy
- b) fried catfish
- c) roasted prairie hen
- d) roasted venison

14. W 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) they stood on their knees
- b) boxes of supplies
- c) chunks of big logs
- d) they sat on the floor

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1. (a) pg 108
2. (b) pg 110
3. ankles pg 112
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6. (d) pg 114
7. (a) pg 114
8. F, false pg 114
9. (a) pg 114-115
10. (b) pg 116
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