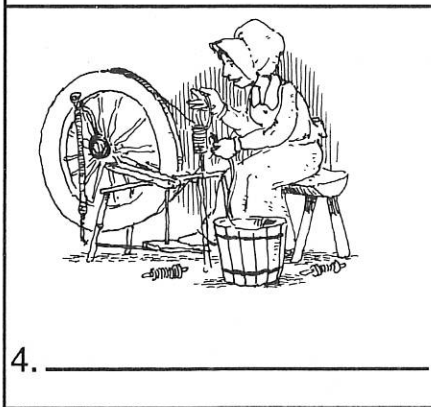


Pioneer Life

Read the paragraphs below. Then label the pictures using the **boldfaced** words.



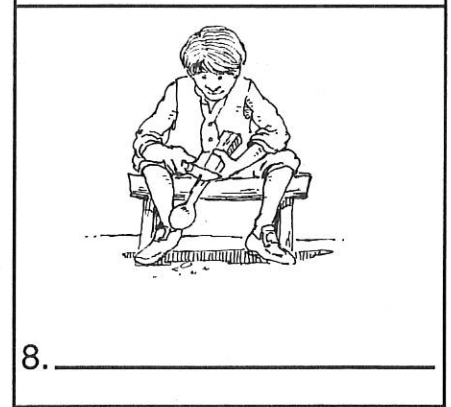
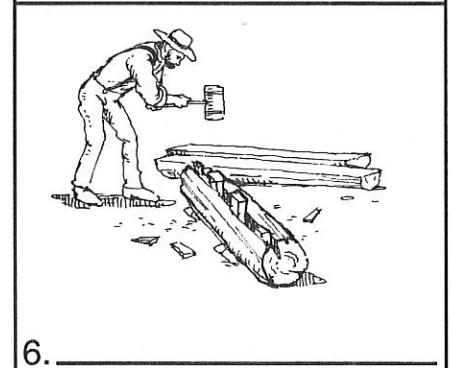
It took great courage and energy for the pioneers to make a life on the frontier. Men, women, and children had to work from dawn until dusk.

The first task a pioneer family faced was **clearing the land**. Pioneers cut away brush and chopped down trees. In wooded areas, most buildings and furniture were made from logs. Men had the job of **splitting logs**. The logs were used for flooring, tables, benches, and stools.

Women and girls were responsible for **planting** herbs and vegetables. Boys were often in charge of **grinding corn**—the most important crop. Once ground, it was used for making porridge and bread.

Because there were so few stores, pioneers made many of their own supplies. Boys spent time carving, or **whittling**, utensils, bowls, and platters from wood. Frontiersmen were responsible for **molding bullets** from hot lead.

Spinning yarn for cloth was a job of pioneer women. Women and girls were also busy **making candles**. They dipped long wicks several times in animal fat, then hung them by strings to cool and harden.



Challenge! Would you like to have been a pioneer? Write a paragraph explaining why.