

# Rodeo

- 1.1. Rodeos are pleasure.
- 1.2. The pleasure is raw.

- 2.1. Cowboys swagger around.
- 2.2. They get their gear together.

- 3.1. Clowns roll out their barrels.
- 3.2. The barrels are battered.

- 4.1. Bulls stand in their pens.
- 4.2. The bulls are huge.

- 5.1. The sun beats down.
- 5.2. The announcer introduces the first entry.

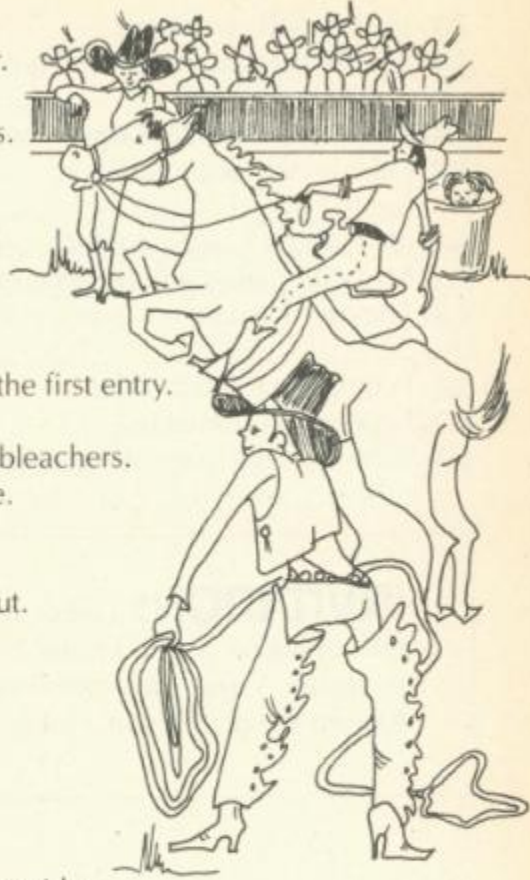
- 6.1. People lean forward in the bleachers.
- 6.2. They strain to see the chute.

- 7.1. A shout goes up.
- 7.2. The bull comes charging out.

- 8.1. He is a giant animal.
- 8.2. He has a tornado's energy.

- 9.1. His eyes are fierce.
- 9.2. His horns are wicked.

- 10.1. The cowboy is tossed to one side.
- 10.2. He tumbles end over end.



**INVITATION:** Try combining clusters 2 and 3; then combine clusters 6 and 7. Describe what happens next in specific, vivid detail.

# Hooked

- 1.1. I glance at sentences.
- 1.2. The sentences are short.
- 1.3. The sentences are arranged in a list.

- 2.1. I tell myself something.
- 2.2. I'm not going to combine them.

- 3.1. Then I glance further down the list.
- 3.2. I feel myself begin to falter.

- 4.1. My eyes flick back to the cluster.
- 4.2. My brain makes a transformation.
- 4.3. The transformation is quick as lightning.

- 5.1. I complete the last cluster.
- 5.2. I ask myself something.
- 5.3. Why does my brain like combining?

**INVITATION:** Delete the word *something*, and use the connector *that* in cluster 2. Delete the word *something* in cluster 5 and use a colon (:) to introduce the question. Answer the question in a follow-up paragraph of your own.