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Person 1:

You need to dig a well on your plot of land so that you and your family have clean water. What can you trade and barter in order to complete this task?

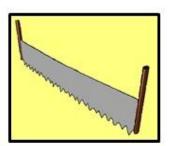
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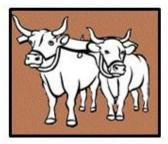












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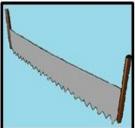
Person 2:

You want to build a fence around the perimeter of your new property. This will help mark your land and keep your animals from wandering away. What can you trade and barter in order to complete this task?

You need these Items:













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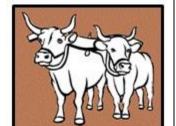
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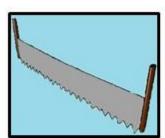
Person 3:

You need to plow your field and plant your crops so that you and your family will have food to eat. What can you trade and barter in order to complete this task?

You need these Items:











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Person 4:

You need to build a house on your new plot of land. What can you trade and barter in order to complete this task?

You need these Items:





