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# Cowboy Earth

**Directions:** Read the paragraph below. To fill in the blanks, choose a synonym for each italicized word and an antonym for each underlined word. Use the thesaurus entries to help you.

**circumstances** n state, conditions

**join** v link, connect **ANT.** sever, break

**mission** n patrol, expedition, jaunt

**prompt** v advise, recommend, suggest

**repose** n rest, stillness, immobility **ANT.** motion,

**sky** n atmosphere, firmament

**thriving** adj prospering, flourishing **ANT.** languish, suffer, wither

**undertaking** n object, purpose, mission, project



Jerry had a crazy dream. The planet earth was a cowboy, and whenever he whipped his lasso around in the earth's (*sky*) \_\_\_\_\_, the circular (repose) \_\_\_\_\_ caused a hurricane! Weather (*circumstances*) \_\_\_\_\_ depended on whether or not Cowboy Earth was working with his lasso on any given day. Cowboy Earth really enjoyed playing with his lasso, so the people of earth were (thriving) \_\_\_\_\_. They contacted aliens from several other planets, and suggested that they send an (*mission*) \_\_\_\_\_ to (join) \_\_\_\_\_ the lasso. Their (*undertaking*) \_\_\_\_\_ was a success, and the earth's weather dramatically improved.