

CHAPTER 3

Comprehension

1 Correct the following statements.

1. It was a beautiful day when Black Beauty took Squire Gordon into town for business.

2. In town, John Manly went with Squire Gordon into an office.

3. As they went through the woods, a tree fell into the river.

4. Black Beauty crossed the bridge as fast as he could.

5. Squire Gordon told his wife that John Manly had saved Black Beauty's life.

6. Ginger was the first horse to leave the stables during the fire.

7. The fire started because an older man lit his pipe in the stables.

2 Put the following events in the order which they happened.

Write 1-6 in the boxes.

- a. James took Black Beauty and Ginger out of the burning stables. ☐
- b. James Howard drove Mr and Mrs Gordon to some friends. ☐
- c. The smell of smoke woke Black Beauty up. ☐
- d. The squire and Mrs Gordon decided to visit some friends. ☐
- e. A fire started in the stables. ☐
- f. On their way to Clifford Hall, they stopped for the night at a hotel. ☐

Vocabulary

3 Complete the sentences with expressions in the box.

save energy get dark stand still be allowed to take long make sure

1. Will we _____ take photographs inside the museum?
2. Please turn the lights off when you leave the building. We must try

to _____.

3. Can you wait for me here? I won't _____.
4. My dad told me to _____ while he took the photograph.
5. It's raining again, so if you go out, _____ you have an umbrella with you.
6. It's beginning to _____; we should go home.

4 Choose the correct word.

1. It's not very **brave** / **wise** to use your phone when you are driving.
2. What's the **business** / **matter**? Why are you crying?
3. Take your shoes off. They're **muddy** / **scary** from the garden.
4. It's very hot in here. I can't **breathe** / **cough**.
5. Will we have the **accident** / **opportunity** to visit the zoo when we go to London?
6. Linda thinks that this hotel is very expensive and I **agree** / **nod**.

Follow-up activities

5 Discuss.

1. The fire in the stables was dangerous for both the horses and the people. Can you think of any other situations where people's lives can be in danger?
2. Bad weather caused a lot of problems for Black Beauty, Squire Gordon and John Manly. Has bad weather ever caused problems for you or someone you know?
3. Squire Gordon says that animals can be clever. Which animals do you think are clever and why?
4. James Howard was brave to go into the burning stables to save the horses. Have you, or anyone you know, done anything brave to help other people?
5. Everyone agreed that it was a wise rule that pipes are not allowed in the stables. What rules are there in your school, house or place of work? What are you allowed and not allowed to do?

6 Imagine that you are James Howard and that you have a diary.

Write a page in your diary describing the fire. What happened and what did you do? (80-100 words)