

Comprehension

CHAPTER 4

1 Read Chapter 4 and match the two halves of the sentences. Write a-f in the boxes.

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| 1. Black Beauty was tired when he returned to Birtwick Park because | <input type="checkbox"/> | a. Black Beauty had to wear a bearing rein. |
| 2. John rode Black Beauty to the doctor because | <input type="checkbox"/> | b. the horses were not the same colour. |
| 3. Black Beauty became ill because | <input type="checkbox"/> | c. he had to run very fast. |
| 4. Squire Gordon is going to sell Black Beauty because | <input type="checkbox"/> | d. someone at home was ill. |
| 5. John was not happy because | <input type="checkbox"/> | e. the stable boy did not know he had to keep him warm. |
| 6. The wife of Black Beauty's new owner was not happy because | <input type="checkbox"/> | f. he and his wife are going to leave the country. |

2 Choose a, b or c to complete the following sentences.

- Doctor White wanted to ride Black Beauty as _____.
 - his own horse was sick
 - he didn't have a horse
 - his horse was tired and slow
- Black Beauty was sweating because _____.
 - he didn't have a rug on his back
 - the ride from the doctor's house was long and hard
 - he tried to sleep on the hay
- When Merrylegs came to the stables _____.
 - he had bad news about the children
 - he told Black Beauty that he was going to live at Earls Hall Park
 - he said that all their lives would change
- Reuben went to town with Black Beauty because _____.
 - Lord Westerly told him to go there
 - Black Beauty had a loose shoe
 - he was going to meet some friends
- Lord Westerly decided that _____.
 - he did not want to keep Black Beauty
 - both Ginger and Black Beauty were too unhealthy to keep
 - Black Beauty must go to a better home

3 Find words in Chapter 4 which mean the same as:

- wanting to do something w _____ (page 18)
- very nice and comfortable P _____ (page 19)
- the way somebody thinks and behaves; personality c _____ (page 19)
- hurting very much P _____ (page 20)
- not smooth r _____ (page 22)
- correct r _____ (page 22)

4 Choose a, b or c to complete the sentences below.

- Why are you _____? Are you cold?
 - sweating
 - stretching
 - shaking
- It was very _____ of you to forget your house keys.
 - loose
 - careless
 - dark
- There's a branch there; be careful or you'll _____.
 - move
 - paint
 - trip
- My shoes are very _____. They're hurting my feet.
 - quick
 - stubborn
 - tight
- We're late! We'll have to _____ to get our train.
 - rush
 - ruin
 - insist
- Please don't _____, girls. It's not good manners.
 - notice
 - whisper
 - accept

Follow-up activities

5 Discuss.

- Black Beauty became sick after he got back to Birtwick Park. Have you ever been sick? What was wrong with you and what happened? Who or what helped you get better?
- How do you think Black Beauty felt when he learnt that he was going to a new home? How would you feel in his place? Why?
- Mr York says that fashion is very important to Lady Westerly. Is fashion important to you? Why/Why not?
- Squire Gordon and his wife are going to move to another country. Would you like to live in a different country? Where, and why?

6 Imagine that you are Squire Gordon. Write a letter to a friend of yours, telling him about your decision to move to another country. (80-100 words)