

CHAPTER 5

Comprehension

1 Answer the following questions.

1. How did Black Beauty feel in his new home, and why?

2. Which riders did Black Beauty like the best?

3. What happened to Peggy, and why?

4. Why did the gentleman tell the stable boy to take off the bearing rein?

5. What did Mr Barry's first groom do that was bad for Black Beauty?

6. What happened when Black Beauty went to the vet?

Vocabulary

2 Complete the sentences with the correct name.

Black Beauty Peggy Mr York John Manly Alfred Smirk Mr Filcher

1. _____ took _____ to his new home.
2. _____'s legs were longer than _____'s.
3. The gentleman was a good rider, and made _____ think of _____.
4. _____ worked as a groom for _____ at first.
5. Both _____ and _____ were not very good grooms and they tricked _____.

3 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

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1. Last summer, my family _____ a house by the sea for a month.
2. At first, my brother did not want to run in the race, but

1. I _____ him to try.
3. I went to the bathroom, cleaned my teeth, _____ my hair and then left the house.
4. The little boy _____ his father's hand as we crossed the road.
5. The gentleman _____ me of my uncle; he had the same colour hair and eyes.
6. Andy and his friend didn't want to watch TV; they _____ to go for a ride on their bikes.

4 Complete the sentences with words from Chapter 5. The first letter has been given.

1. Robert felt very w_____ and tired after his long run.
2. Don't walk so fast! I can't k_____ up with you.
3. My dad is a very e_____ driver, and has never had an accident.
4. You need to eat more. You are so s_____!
5. I don't know if I can help you, but I will try my b_____.
6. Left is the o_____ of right.

Follow-up activities

5 Discuss.

1. How do you think Ginger felt when Black Beauty left for his new home? Why?
2. At first, Black Beauty found that the food in his new home was good. What food do you like and not like, and why?
3. Black Beauty lived in a time when there were no cars. What other things did people not have at that time? Would you like to have lived in that time?
4. Exercise is very important for both horses and people. What exercise do you get, and how often?
5. Mr Barry's two grooms tricked him and he felt very bad about it. Do you think he was right to feel this way?

6 Imagine you are Mr Barry and you are having a conversation with the vet you have taken Black Beauty to see. Write an imaginary dialogue between you and the vet, with Mr Barry explaining the problem and the vet giving advice. (80-100 words)