

CHAPTER 10

Comprehension

1 Put the following events in the order which they happened. Write 1-7 in the boxes.

- Miss Lavinia, Miss Ellen and Miss Blomefield came out of the house to see Black Beauty. ☐
- Black Beauty was happy with Joe Green and the ladies. ☐
- Willie was kinder than usual when he cleaned and brushed Black Beauty one day. ☐
- The ladies decided to keep Black Beauty when they heard his story. ☐
- Miss Ellen liked Black Beauty, but Miss Blomefield did not like the horse's knees. ☐
- Farmer Thoroughgood took Black Beauty to a pretty house surrounded by flowers. ☐
- The groom, Joe Green, recognised the star on Black Beauty's forehead. ☐

2 Who said what? Complete with the correct name from the box.

Miss Ellen Joe Green Miss Blomefield Farmer Thoroughgood Willie

- _____ : 'There was never a better horse than Black Beauty.'
- _____ : 'Well, many horses have knees like that, but it's not their fault.'
- _____ : 'Look at you. You look so handsome.'
- _____ : 'He is beautiful. I like him!'
- _____ : 'I will write to Mrs Gordon and tell her that her favourite horse is with us.'

Vocabulary

3 Match the two columns to make expressions and use these to fill the gaps in the sentences below:

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| A. | 1. extra | a. cheeks |
| | 2. rosy | b. a hug |
| | 3. ring | c. air |
| | 4. give | d. care |
| | 5. fresh | e. the doorbell |

- Did you _____ to see if anybody was at home?
- 'Come here and _____ me _____,' said his grandfather to the little boy.
- The postman took _____ with the letter because he knew it was important.
- We knew Nina was not sick anymore when we saw her _____.
- The _____ in the country will soon make you feel better.

4 Complete the crossword puzzle.

- a light colour
- something that is right and appropriate for a situation
- a piece of cloth that women use to cover their head and shoulders
- to have the same opinion
- a drop of liquid that comes out of your eyes when you are sad or in pain
- a person who is paid to cook, clean and do other jobs in the house.

Follow-up activities

5 Discuss.

- Black Beauty says that he is at home at the ladies' house. What do you think he means by this?
- Why do you think that Farmer Thoroughgood believed that Black Beauty would be suitable for the ladies? Do you agree?
- Why do you think Black Beauty dreams of his old friends?
- Anna Sewell wrote the story to encourage people to treat horses kindly. Can you list ways in which this can be done?
- Does the story end the way you expected it to end? Do you think it is a happy ending? How would you like the story to end?

6 Imagine you are Miss Blomefield. Write a letter to Mrs Gordon explaining what has happened to her favourite horse. (80-100 words)