

CHAPTER 9

Comprehension

1 Answer the following questions.

- How was Black Beauty's second time at a horse fair different from the first?
- Why did Farmer Thoroughgood think that Black Beauty was once a rich man's horse?
- How did Farmer Thoroughgood examine Black Beauty at the horse fair?
- How did Willie take care of Black Beauty?
- What did Farmer Thoroughgood plan to do with Black Beauty?

2 Complete the summary of Chapter 9 with the sentences a-e.

- a. stood tall and still b. wanted to buy the tired horse
c. were pleased with Black Beauty d. came to the stall
e. he was strong enough to work

At the horse fair, Black Beauty was put in a stall with other horses that looked tired or sick. Buyers walked by without even noticing him until Farmer Thoroughgood and his grandson, Willie, (1) _____ later that day. The old farmer looked at the horse while Black Beauty (2) _____. 'I wonder what happened to him,' said the young boy. Young Willie (3) _____ and make him young again. This is exactly what happened. Black Beauty was happy at his new home because his owners were kind. He played in the field and ate nice things. Soon, Black Beauty was well again and his owners decided (4) _____ again. Farmer Thoroughgood and Willie (5) _____. 'All we need to do now is to find him a good home,' said Farmer Thoroughgood.

3 Choose a, b, or c to complete the sentences.

1. The young lion cub belongs _____ its mother, not in a cage at the zoo.
a. with b. in c. from

2. Mr Harris did not enjoy his _____ of travelling on the Chao Praya tourist boat, because his camera fell into the river.

a. problem b. work c. experience

3. The hairdresser _____ Jane's long hair from her eyes. 'You will look so nice when I cut it,' she said.

a. patted b. examined c. lifted

4. He's been going through some _____ times since he lost his job.

a. unlucky b. hard c. good

5. Yoshinori Ohsumi _____ the Nobel Prize for his work as a doctor, don't you think?

a. gets b. deserves c. respects

6. Adult male lions have a thick _____ around their face.

a. tail b. stall c. mane

7. Martin injured his knee while playing tennis and can only do _____ work until he gets better.

a. no b. light c. soft

4 Find the words in Chapter 9 that mean the same as:

- not ordinary, unusual in a good way _____ (page 42)
- think, believe _____ (page 42)
- rich _____ (page 42)
- touched lightly with an open hand _____ (page 42)
- got better _____ (page 44)
- surely _____ (page 44)

Follow-up activities

5 Discuss.

- What made Farmer Thoroughgood and Willie decide to buy Black Beauty rather than any of the other horses in his stall?
- Farmer Thoroughgood notices Black Beauty for his appearance and for his manners. What is important to you when you first meet someone?
- Are the lives of animals or people worth less as they get old, tired and sick?
- What should we do with animals that are too old or injured to work?
- What do you think will happen to Black Beauty now that he will be sold again?

6 Imagine you are Willie. Write a diary entry about the day you saw Black Beauty at the horse fair with your grandfather. (60-80 Words)