

Black Beauty

Anna Sewell

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Activities

1a Put one of the words in the box below in the sentence to make a question. You can use some of the words more than once.

are, is, do, does

1. _____ Black Beauty's mother go to the market?

2. _____ Ginger always a good horse?

3. _____ Harry and Dolly Mr. York's children?

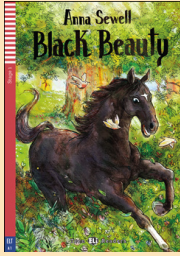
4. _____ Black Beauty like London?

5. _____ James and John look after Black Beauty?

6. _____ Black Beauty happy to work for Nicholas Skinner?

1b Are these questions true or false?

Answer:
1 Does - Yes, Black Beauty goes with his mother to the market; 2 Is, No, sometimes he is bad; 3 Are, No they are Jerry's children; 4 Does, No he doesn't like London; It is too busy; 5 Do, Yes they do; 6 Is, No because Nicholas Skinner is a bad man.



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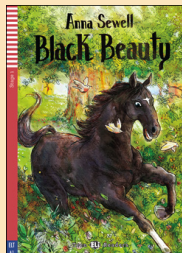
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TEST YOURSELF!

Use the words below to complete the sentence

and, before, but, so, when, while

- 1 _____ Black Beauty saw a hunt, he didn't know what it was.
- 2 Black Beauty left his mother _____ he was very sad.
- 3 Merrylegs _____ Ginger lived at Birtwick with Black Beauty.
- 4 It was difficult to ride fast for Lord Wilson's wife, _____ Black Beauty did his best.
- 5 _____ coming to Birtwick, Ginger did many different jobs.
- 6 Black Beauty hurt his leg _____ riding for Lord Wilson's wife.



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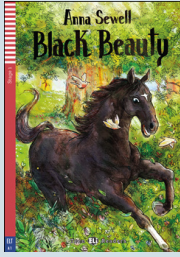
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Writing

Complete Ginger's story. Write ONE word in each space.

They took me away from my mother very early. I had to stay
 1 _____ a lot of other young horses. Boys 2 _____ unkind to me.
 And my master _____ horrible. I didn't like 4 _____ friends. Then
 a man bought me. He wanted us 5 _____ look nice. But he didn't
 care 6 _____ us. He often went to parties. And I had to stand
 outside 7 _____ hours in the cold weather. Then he sold me and
 my new master was unkind to me 8 _____.



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Focus on...

THE TELEPHONE

In 1877, the year that Anna Sewell wrote *Black Beauty*, the first telephone line was built. At the beginning it was only possible to use the telephone in the city of Boston in the USA. By 1880 there were nearly 48,000 telephones in America, and by 1894, a person from New York could speak to someone in Chicago, using the telephone.

Little by little, the telephone entered peoples' homes, not just in America, but all over the world. Now it is a normal thing to use the telephone. We don't think it is anything special.

Think of the story of *Black Beauty*. Imagine that the characters can use the telephone. What things will be different about the story.

Black Beauty's master could use the telephone to call the doctor about his wife.

Think of other moments when the telephone could change the story.