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COMPREHENSION & CLOZE

BOOK 2

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Anna Sewall was born in England in 1820. She wrote her famous -
 _____⁽¹⁾, Black Beauty in 1877 and it has made into several films. She
 loved _____⁽²⁾ and wrote it to show how she felt.



The horse tells its own
 _____⁽³⁾ so it's a kind of
 autobiography. One of Beauty's
 _____⁽⁴⁾ was a Mr.
 Gordon.

While working for him, Beauty
 met Ginger and Merrylegs at his
 owner's _____⁽⁵⁾ and
 they became friends. Later, Beauty
 saved his master's life by refusing to
 cross a damaged _____⁽⁶⁾ during a storm.

When Mrs. Gordon was seriously ill, a stable worker rode Beauty eight
 _____⁽⁷⁾ for a doctor.

As Mrs. Gordon was very sick, her _____⁽⁸⁾ had to move to a
 warmer climate than England's. Beauty was sold and after working hard several
 _____⁽⁹⁾ found a good home with a kind family. He was happy, but still
 missed his _____⁽¹⁰⁾, Ginger.

miles	friend	book	stable	years
family	story	owners	bridge	horses

1.1 Who was telling the story?

1.2 How far from Mr. Gordon's home was the doctor?

1.3 Which friend did Beauty miss most of all?

1.4 Mr. Gordon rode Beauty to get the doctor when his wife was ill.

True

False

1.5 How do you think Beauty knew the bridge was damaged?

1.6 Which owner did Merrylegs work for?

1.7 How old was Anna Sewell when she wrote the book?

1.8 Why did Mr. Gordon sell Beauty?

1.9 Tick the sentence with which the author would agree.

- a) Anna Sewell loved all animals.
- b) Black Beauty always obeyed his master.
- c) This story has been popular for many years.



1.10 Use numbers 1 - 5 to place these events in the correct order in time.

- a) Mr. Gordon sold Black Beauty.
- b) Black Beauty first met Ginger.
- c) Black Beauty refused to cross the damaged bridge.
- d) Mrs. Gordon became ill.
- e) Mr. and Mrs. Gordon left England.

activities

Find words in the passage **similar** in meaning to:

- 1. Well-known _____
- 2. Tale _____
- 3. Discovered _____
- 4. Ill _____
- 5. Building for horses _____
- 6. Broken _____
- 7. Pals _____
- 8. Contented _____
- 9. Go over _____
- 10. Liked very much _____

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Circle the correct noun to complete these sentence which contain more information about the book and its author.

1. Anna Sewell was born in the **(road, house, town)** in Yarmouth.
2. Beauty worked as a cab horse and carried **(coal, passengers, bread)**.
3. Beauty finished his life in a good **(city, bridge, home)**.
4. Mrs. Gordon's family went to a warm **(stable, country, hospital)**.
5. Beauty liked Mr. Gordon who was his **(doctor, slave, master)**.

EXERCISE

Why do you think Black Beauty is such a popular story?



Humans have always used _____⁽¹⁾ ways of communicating. Primitive tribes drew pictures on cave walls and this _____⁽²⁾ kind of written communication has been found in Spain, France and Australia. American Plains Indians used picture writing but, living on _____⁽³⁾ land, also used smoke signals visible over _____⁽⁴⁾ distances. African tribes _____⁽⁵⁾ jungles, where they couldn't see far, used drums. Long ago, _____⁽⁶⁾ notches on message sticks or knots on string provided information carried by runners.

Army leaders have used carrier pigeons and navies developed a system of signalling with _____⁽⁷⁾ flags called semaphore. Armies also used heliographs, which were mirrors that reflected the sun, to send long or, _____⁽⁸⁾ flashes of light. Helios was the sun-god in myths of the ancient Greek who used _____⁽⁹⁾ metal to reflect the sun rays.

Now we have satellites, television, fax machines, _____⁽¹⁰⁾ computer networks and the telephone invented by Bell in 1876. The invention of printing in the 15th century led to _____⁽¹¹⁾ books and newspapers.

Scientists using optical fibres with the thickness of a _____⁽¹²⁾ hair to send faster messages. Beams of light called lasers change the _____⁽¹³⁾ signals of phone calls or TV pictures into light impulses. Lasers then send the light along _____⁽¹⁴⁾ fibres over great distances without losing strength. At the receiving end, machines change the laser light back to the _____⁽¹⁵⁾ message.

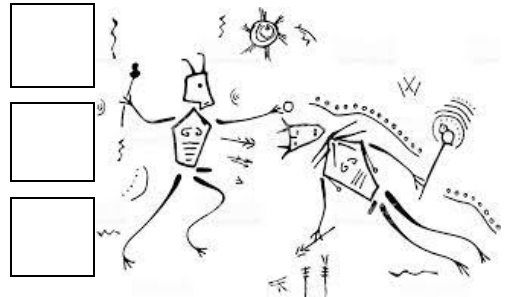
polished	carved	flat	original	worldwide
electrical	short	different	human	long
earliest	dense	coloured	modern	glass

1.1 What did some African jungle tribes use to send messages?

1.2 In which countries have cave drawings been found?

1.3 Tick the sentence which tells us what the writer said.

- a) Message sticks had knots on them.
- b) Cave drawings have been found in several countries.
- c) The Ancient Greeks used glass mirrors to reflect the sun.



1.4 What were the benefit of the polishing metal?

1.5 American Plains Indians used smoke signals because

1.6 What great 15th century invention improved communications?

1.7 Optic fibres are made of human hair.

True

False

1.8 How did heliographs get their name?

1.9 What was the first kind of written communication?

1.10 What is the advantage of using laser beams?

1.11 Why do you think cave pictures can still be seen after thousands of years?

1.12 Write **fact** or **opinion** after these sentences.

a) Semaphore is the best method of communication.

b) Cave drawings have been found in France.

c) The telephone is the world's greatest invention.

