

EACH TO HIS OWN HORSE – HORSES FOR EVERYONE



CODE 196

Fertigkeit	Lesen
Relevante(r) Deskriptor(en)	Deskriptor 8: Kann aus dem Textzusammenhang die Bedeutung einzelner unbekannter Wörter und Äußerungen erschließen, wenn die Thematik vertraut ist. (B1)
Themenbereich(e)	Hobbys und Interessen
Zeitbedarf	Etwa 15 Minuten
Länge des Lesetextes	Etwa 500 Wörter
Material- und Medienbedarf	Schreibmaterial
Besondere Bemerkungen, Hinweise zur Durchführung	---
Quelle	---



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Read the short texts about different kinds of horses and people who want to buy one.

Then find out which horse (A – F) would be the best for each person (1 – 5).

 **Write the correct letter in the space given.**

You will find the underlined words at the bottom of the page.

1

Albert is planning to travel round Europe on horseback. He would need a sturdy¹ and compact horse that is able to carry him in all types of weather over about 6 months, often with little chance to rest in a comfortable stable. (Albert decides to buy horse ____.)

2

Mrs Bates used to start her horses at three day events when she was young. Now she is too old for this, but she isn't too old for riding out. All she wants is a calm horse that is not too big. (Mrs Bates decides to buy horse ____.)

3

The Rankins are all horse lovers. Since they cannot afford 4 horses, they intend to buy an "all-rounder" family horse: Dressage for Mum, Western for Dad, riding lessons for Suzie, cuddling for Mark and trail riding for all. (They decide to buy horse ____.)

4

Mr Potter used to ride in the mounted police when he was young. As a pensioner, he decided to fulfill his greatest wish. He bought an old carriage² and restored it. Now he needs a horse, of course. (Mr Potter decides to buy horse ____.)

5

Tony is a world-class show jumper. Now that his sponsor is about to buy a new crack for him, he has been invited to suggest what horse should be purchased next. (Tony gets horse ____.)

Vocabulary:

1 sturdy – *kräftig, widerstandsfähig*

2 carriage – *Kutsche*



Horse Breeds¹ Lexicon

A) The Quarter Horse

The ‘original cowboy horse’ is now North America’s most popular breed. It is an attractive, robust horse of kind disposition. Its intelligence, power and great agility make it an exceptionally good mount for working or as an all-purpose pleasure horse².

B) The Criollo

The fast horse of Argentina’s Pampas is extremely compact and muscular. It has great powers of endurance³ and the ability to withstand temperature extremes. It can survive on very little food and takes its rider safely up hill and down dale.

C) The Mustang

The horses of the prairies in the ‘Wild West’ living in wild herds were used by Indians and by the first settlers. They are small and light, but very hard. Most of them possess an intractable⁴ temperament.

D) The Welsh Cob

This breed shows great variety in its use. Cobs are strong, dumpy and gentle. They are middle-sized but popular for hunting and general riding though –Cobs are known as ‘safety insurance’.

E) The Hanoverian

This famous German breed is a high, strong and athletic sport horse showing excellent move-ments and courage. Although Hanoverians are used for dressage and driving, show jumping is their domain.

F) The Lipizzaner

For many years these fine, intelligent and athletic horses have been famous as high-school horses. Today they are also very popular as harness horses in driving at horse shows or with tourist coaches.

Vocabulary:

- 1 - horse breeds – *Pferdearten, Züchtungen*
- 2 - an all-purpose pleasure horse – *ein Pferd für alle Zwecke*
- 3 - powers of endurance – *Ausdauer*
- 4 - intractable – *nicht zu zähmen*

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