

(Textbook Exercise)**A. Reference to Context**

Tick (✓) the correct answer from the four options given.

1. The colt's mother started going to work once

- a) the colt began to drink milk.
- b) the colt knew how to run on his own.
- c) the colt began to eat grass. ✓
- d) she was strong enough to work.

2. The colt would play with the other colts in the fields. Often they would

- a) run off into other fields.
- b) play rough and kick and bite. ✓
- c) win cups at the races.
- d) pull carts as they were all cart-horse colts.

3. Duchess told her colt

- a) that the other colts were much better than him.
- b) that he should learn how to pull a cart soon.
- c) never to kick and bite even while playing. ✓
- d) to go to work with her every morning.

4. Dick the plowboy often

- a) made fun of the colts.
- b) ran off with the colts.
- c) had fun running with the colts, throwing sticks and stones at them. ✓
- d) looked after the colts.

VOCABULARY**1. There are six words hidden in this puzzle. The meaning of each of the words in the puzzle is given below. Look for the words.**

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| a) A young male horse | <u>colt</u> | b) horse of any small breed | <u>pony</u> |
| c) A young female horse | <u>filly</u> | d) an adult female horse | <u>mare</u> |
| e) To run at a steady pace | <u>trot</u> | f) the hard part on the bottom of the feet | <u>hoof</u> |

(Note : Dear students, you will mark the above words in the grid, given in your textbook once you purchase it.)

2. Listed below are some sets of words. Circle or underline the odd one out which has a different meaning.

- a) meadows, field, hay
- b) plow, graze, till
- c) hedge, blackberries, bush
- d) gentle, kind, harsh

Grammar

1. Fill in the blanks with 'much' or 'many'.

many students

much time

much money

many dollars

much juice

many children

much sugar

much fun

many dogs

2. Each sentence below contains one or more adjectives. Read the sentences carefully and underline the adjectives.

- I'm not going to wash his dirty old shirt.
- Gauri was angry when Benny compared her delicious cookies to old mud pies.
- Pretty blue birds decorated the ancient walls.
- A quick answer will earn a valuable reward.
- My best friend has many wonderful books.
- Mary gazed into the magic mirror and said, 'I think my purple hair looks attractive.'
- Rohit placed the leather shoes in my wooden cupboard.
- Kavita gave me two useless gifts.
- There is nothing like a hot meal after a long walk in the cold woods.
- I told them that ice cream would make a fine dessert.

(Notebook work)

Hard words

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| 1. meadow | 11. gallop |
| 2. plowed | 12. rough |
| 3. overhunged | 13. trotted |
| 4. grove | 14. pleasant |
| 5. colts | 15. blackberries |
| 6. lodging | 16. gallop |
| 7. plowboy | 17. attention |
| 8. hedge | 18. favourites |
| 9. trotted | 19. ploughed |
| 10. gig | 20. dismissed |

Answer the following questions .

Q:1 Describe the colt's first home.

Ans. The first home of the colt was very pleasant .There was a meadow with a pond of clear water in it . Some shady trees leaned over it and water lilies grew in it. In one side there was a plowed field and on the other side master's house. At the top of the meadow there was a grove of fir trees and at the bottom a brook overhung by a steep bank.

Q:2 How did the colt spend his time with the other colts ?

Ans. He used to run with them and had a great fun. They used to gallop all together round and round the field as fast as they could. Sometimes they had rather rough play, for they would frequently bite and kick as well as gallop.

Q:3 Write all you know about Pet's master.

Ans. Pet's master was very good, kind and gentle man. He gave them good food and shelter and also spoke to them politely.

Q:4 What advice did duchess give her colt ? Why did she feel the need to do so?

Ans. Duchess advised her colt to grow up into a gentle and good horse, and never learnt bad ways. He should do his work with a good will, lift his feet up well while trotting, and never bite or kick each other.

She said so because the colt used to kick and bite each other.

Q:5 Who was Dick ? Why did he come to the field where the colts lived?

Ans. Dick was a plowboy. He used to come to the field to pluck blackberries and have fun with the colt.

Q:6 What did Dick do with the colts on the field ?

Ans. Dick used to make fun by throwing stones and sticks at the colt.

Q:7 What did the master do to Dick? Why?

Ans. Dick was irritating the colts, noticing that the master boxed his ears, then scolded him .He dismissed Dick after paying some money.

Let's Think and Answer

Q:1 What do you learn about the master from the way he treated the colt and his mother ?

Ans. He was a good and a kind gentleman.

Q:2 What qualities of the colt's mother do you see in this extract ?

Ans. She was a wise old horse. She was very much proud of her family and wanted her child to be just like that .

Q:3 What did the colt think of Dick ? Give reasons for your answer.

Ans. The colt did not mind Dick much. He ignored Dick .

Q:4 What did the master feel about 'Blackie' and his mother ?

Ans. They were his favourites.

