

Black Beauty

Reader

Answer Key



Page 41 – Activity 1

- 1 Black Beauty was born in a beautiful **field**.
- 2 His mother wanted him to be **gentle**.
- 3 Black Beauty was black, with one **white** foot.
- 4 At the age of four, Black Beauty's master **rode** him.

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- 1 How did Black Beauty's metal shoes feel at first?
- 2 How did the master teach Black Beauty to go slow?
- 3 How did the master teach Black Beauty to go fast?
- 4 Why did Black Beauty's mother come and speak with him?

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- 1 Black Beauty was sold **to Mr. Gordon**.
- 2 In the stall next to Black Beauty **there was a horse called Merrylegs**.
- 3 A horse called Ginger told Black Beauty about **her life before she was bought by Mr. Gordon**.
- 4 Their new owner, Mr. Gordon, was **kind**.

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- 1 stable
- 2 owner
- 3 saddle
- 4 groom
- 5 stall
- 6 stiff

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- 1 His master and James.
- 2 Late that evening.
- 3 The water was covering the middle of the bridge.
- 4 Because he felt strange.
- 5 "Stop! Don't cross!"

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- 1 b
- 2 a
- 3 b
- 4 d
- 5 c

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Model answers

- 1 What came to the stable to stop the fire?
A fire engine.
- 2 Did any horses die in the fire?
No, but some horses were hurt.
- 3 How did the fire start?
Dick Towler was smoking a pipe.
- 4 What bad news did Ginger and Beauty hear?
James was leaving.

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- 1 c
- 2 a
- 3 d
- 4 b

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- 1 False
- 2 True
- 3 Doesn't say
- 4 False
- 5 True

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Reader's own answers

Model answers

- 1 I don't feel very good. What is wrong with me?
You are **ill**.
- 2 Who can get the doctor for me?
Joe and Black Beauty.
- 3 What will help me get better?
Moving to a **warm country**.
- 4 What will we do with the horses?
We will **sell** them.

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- 1 Earlshall Park was Ginger and Beauty's new **home**.
- 2 At Earlshall Park, Beauty had to wear a **bearing rein** for the first time.
- 3 After she **fell down** on the road, Ginger was used for hunting.
- 4 The food was **good** at Earlshall Park.
- 5 Beauty was lonely and he **hated** his work.

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- 1 The groom, Reuben Smith, managed the horses for the **spring**.
- 2 One evening, Reuben Smith rode **Beauty** into town.
- 3 It was **dark** when they rode back home.

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- 1 Reuben Smith.
- 2 One of Beauty's shoes was falling off.
- 3 He hit Beauty.
- 4 Reuben Smith was thrown on to the road and died.

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Reader's own answers

Model answers

- 1 A job horse was **rented** to **carriage drivers**, or to anyone who needed a horse.
- 2 He decided to **buy** Beauty.
- 3 **At first**, Mr. Filcher looked after Beauty **well** and kept his stable **clean**.
- 4 Beauty was given **less food**, and then no food. He became **weak**.

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After a few weeks, Beauty **noticed** that he was getting less food. Then, he was getting *no* food and he soon **became** weak. Mr. Barry was surprised that Beauty **was** so thin. Then, Mr. Barry **discovered** that Mr. Filcher's wife **had taken** Beauty's food. Mrs. Filcher **gave** the food to her rabbits, and then **sold** them at the market.

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Mr. Filcher was sent to prison for two **months**. Now, Beauty had another groom. His name was Alfred Smirk. Mr. Smirk never cleaned Beauty's feet, or **brushed him**. After some time, Beauty's feet hurt and Mr. Barry called the **vet**. Beauty's feet were hurting because his straw was dirty. Mr. Barry cleaned Beauty's feet, and told **Alfred** to change his straw. Beauty got better, but Mr. Barry was angry with the grooms and decided to sell all his **horses**.

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- 1 You must brush Black Beauty every day.
- 2 You must clean Black Beauty's feet.
- 3 You must change the straw and clean the floor.

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- 1 A farmer came up to Beauty with his grandson Willie.
- 2 Willie wanted his grandfather to buy Beauty.
- 3 Willie's grandfather bought Beauty.
- 4 The farmer's wife.
- 5 Joe Green.
- 6 Yes, Beauty has a good life now.

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