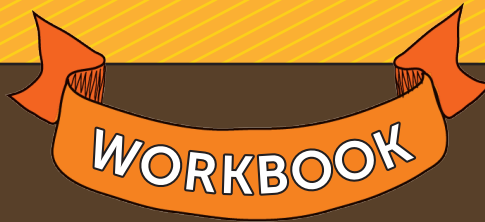


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Think Ahead

Before Reading

Think about these questions. Draw your answers.

What is the fastest thing
in the world?



What is the fattest thing
in the world?



What is the softest thing
in the world?



What is the most valuable thing
in the world?



A Trace the words.



“What is the fastest thing in the world?”

- ① “What is the fastest thing in the world?”
- ② “What is the fastest thing in the world?”
- ③ “What is the fastest thing in the world?”

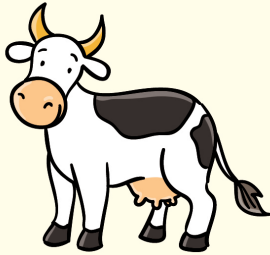
B Write the sentence from above. Say the sentence three times.

Words to Know

During Reading

A Circle and say the word for each picture. Then write the words.

1



2



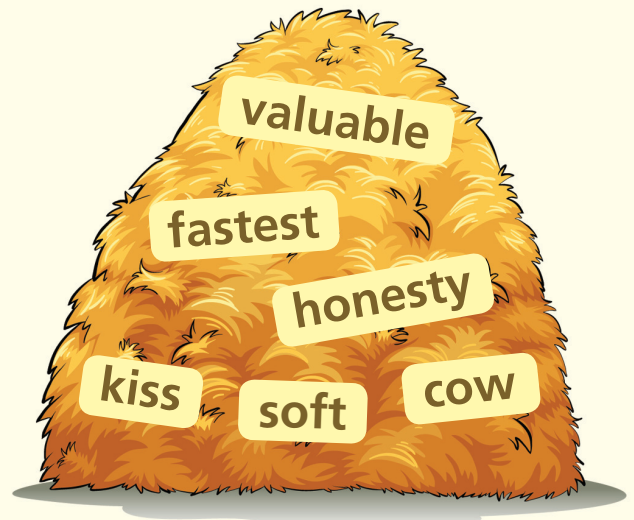
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4



5



B Look and write the missing words. Use the Word Bank.

Word Bank

cold

strong

wise

hard

1



The rich brother has a big
_____ horse.

2



The two brothers think very
_____.

3



The daughter says, "The fastest is the
_____, north wind."

4



The king gives the baby horse to the
_____ little girl.

Meet the Characters

A Who is who? Match and write.

1



Rich Brother

2



King

3



Poor Brother

4



Daughter

B What are they saying? Look and circle. Say the sentences.

1



2



Comprehension

During Reading

A Look and circle (○) True or False.

1



The poor brother has a brown horse.

True

False

2



The rich man says the fastest is the king's horse.

True

False

3



The poor man has many ideas.

True

False

4



The poor man's daughter is wise.

True

False

B Look and check (✓) the correct answers.

1 Who gives the two brothers a question?

- The girl
- The king

2 Which brother answers the question?

- The rich brother
- The poor brother



3 The girl says _____ is the most valuable in the world.

- a child
- honesty

4 Who gets the baby horse?

- The girl
- The rich brother

C Write the correct words. Use the Word Bank.

1



Word Bank

riding
strong

Two brothers are _____ their horses.

The rich brother has a big _____ horse.

2

Word Bank

think
valuable



The king asks, "What are the fastest, fattest, softest, and most _____ things in the world?"

The two brothers _____ very hard.

D Write the letters for the correct pictures. Match the cause to its effect.

Cause



Effect



- The poor brother's daughter gives wise answers.
- The king gives the baby horse to the wise little girl.
- Two brothers both want a new baby horse.
- The king says, "The man who answers the question will get the horse."

Review Quiz

After Reading

A Who am I? Match.

1



The fastest is the cold, north wind.

2



The man who answers the question will get the horse.

B Circle (○) the best answer.

- 1 Two brothers both want to have a baby (cow / horse).
- 2 One brother says the fattest thing is the king's (child / cow).
- 3 The little girl says the softest thing is a child's (idea / kiss).
- 4 She has a good idea for the most (valuable / wise) thing, too.
- 5 She says the most valuable thing is (honesty / fields).

C Match the two parts of the sentence.

- | | | |
|----------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| 1 The rich brother says | ● | ● know what to say. |
| 2 The poor brother doesn't | ● | ● a question to answer. |
| 3 The king thinks of | ● | ● the baby horse is his. |
| 4 The little girl says | ● | ● wise things. |

D Choose the correct answer.

1



The rich brother says _____ is the softest in the world.

- a. the king's bed
- b. the king's mother

2



Why does the king give the horse to the girl?

- a. He doesn't like the brothers.
- b. Her answers are wise.

E Number the pictures in order (1=first, 4=last). Write the missing words.



The girl gives _____ answers.



The king asks a _____.



The king gives the _____ to the girl.



Two _____ each say a new baby horse is his.

Read the sentences aloud following the / or // marks below.

/ means to pause. // means to stop.



"The man who answers the question/will get the horse,"/he says.//



The wise little girl says,/"The softest is a child's kiss,/and the most valuable is honesty."//

Name

Date

Book Title

Words

Write three words you learned from the story.

Summary

Fill in the blanks with the words from the box.

answers

wise

horse

get

ideas

Two brothers say a new baby _____ is theirs. The king asks a question. The man who _____ the question will _____ the horse. The rich brother answers first. The poor brother has no _____. The poor brother's daughter gives _____ answers. The king gives the baby horse to the wise little girl.

Lesson

Complete the lesson you learned from the story. Circle (○) the best word.

Sometimes children can say very (funny / wise) things.

✧ Key Words and Phrases ✧



The rich brother says,
"It is mine."

The king **hears of**
the two brothers.



The two brothers
think very hard.



The poor man **has no ideas.**
But his daughter **has an idea.**

