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The Farrier Fits a Horseshoe

Circle group

A horse walks on its hooves all day. Hooves are hard, like your nails. They keep growing. A farrier is a worker who cares for hooves.

First, the farrier trims the hoof. It does not hurt the horse. Then the farrier looks at the size and shape. Each horse is a bit different.

Some horses wear metal shoes. The shoes keep hooves from wearing down on hard roads. The farrier heats a bar until it glows. Then the farrier bends it into a U. The shoe is cooled and put on with small nails.

A farrier needs strong arms and a calm voice. A calm horse stands still. That is safer.

Questions

1. What is a farrier?

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2. What are hooves like?

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3. Why do some horses wear metal shoes?

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4. What shape is the metal bent into?

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5. Why does a farrier use a calm voice?

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Words to know

farrier: a worker who trims hooves and fits horseshoes
hooves: the hard parts on the feet of horses
trim: to cut a little off the edge
bends: curves something so it is not straight

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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The Farrier Fits a Horseshoe

Triangle group

A horse walks on its hooves all day. Hooves are hard, like your fingernails, and they keep growing. A farrier is a worker who takes care of horse hooves.

First, the farrier trims the hoof, just as you might trim a nail. The horse does not feel pain from the trim. Next, the farrier looks at the hoof to see its size and shape. Every horse is a bit different.

Some horses wear metal shoes to keep their hooves from wearing down on hard roads. The farrier heats a metal bar until it glows and bends it into a U shape. Then the farrier cools the shoe and fits it onto the hoof with small nails.

A farrier needs strong arms and a calm voice. A horse that feels calm will stand still, and that makes the work safer.

Questions

1. What is a farrier?

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2. What are hooves like?

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3. Why do some horses wear metal shoes?

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4. What shape does the farrier bend the metal bar into?

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5. Why does a farrier use a calm voice?

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Words to know

farrier: a worker who trims hooves and fits horseshoes
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Talk together (every group has these)

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The Farrier Fits a Horseshoe

Square group

A horse stands and walks on its hooves all day long. Hooves are hard, much like your fingernails, and they never stop growing. A farrier is a skilled worker who takes care of them.

To begin, the farrier trims the hoof, just as you might trim a nail, and the horse feels no pain from it. After that, the farrier studies the size and shape of the hoof, because every horse is slightly different.

Some horses wear metal shoes, which protect their hooves from wearing down on hard roads. The farrier heats a metal bar until it glows and then bends it into a U shape. Once the shoe has cooled, the farrier fits it onto the hoof with small nails.

A farrier needs strong arms and a calm, gentle voice. A relaxed horse will stand still, and that makes the work much safer.

Questions

1. What is a farrier?

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2. What are hooves like?

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3. Why do some horses wear metal shoes?

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4. What shape does the farrier bend the glowing metal bar into?

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5. Why does a farrier speak in a calm, gentle voice?

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Words to know

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hooves: the hard parts on the feet of horses
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bends: curves something so it is not straight

Talk together (every group has these)

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2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

For the teacher: The Farrier Fits a Horseshoe

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

Circle: The Farrier Fits a Horseshoe

Easier · 111 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.6

1. A worker who cares for horse hooves.
2. Hard, like nails, and they keep growing.
3. The shoes keep hooves from wearing down on hard roads.
4. A U.
5. A calm horse stands still, and that is safer.

Triangle: The Farrier Fits a Horseshoe

This passage · 139 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.6

1. A worker who takes care of horse hooves.
2. They are hard, like fingernails, and they keep growing.
3. The shoes keep their hooves from wearing down on hard roads.
4. A U shape.
5. A calm horse stands still, which makes the work safer.

Square: The Farrier Fits a Horseshoe

Harder · 144 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4.4

1. A skilled worker who takes care of horse hooves.
2. They are hard like fingernails, and they never stop growing.
3. The shoes protect their hooves from wearing down on hard roads.
4. A U shape.
5. A relaxed horse will stand still, which makes the work safer.