

“First Prize”

Reading Comprehension – Short Stories

Directions: Read the story. Then answer the questions below.

My name is Tess and I ride horses.

I ride them in the circus.

I ride them in parades.

I ride them in shows.

I am riding in a horse show today.

My horse runs.

My horse jumps.

My horse dances.

I hold on!

My horse is the best.

I named her Twin.

I feel like the horse and I are the same when I ride her.

My mother is not at the horse show.

She has to work.

My father is there. He claps. He yells. He smiles.

The show ends. A man announces the winners.

"First prize goes to Tess and Twin!" he says.

He gives me a blue ribbon.

I am very excited. My dad gives me a hug.

"You won!" he says.

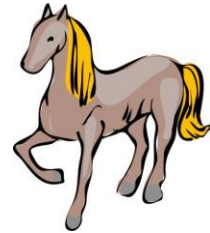
My dad and I go home.

My dad tells my mom about my ribbon.

She cries.

She gives me a big hug.

"Your hard work is showing," she says.



Questions:

1) Where does Tess ride her horse?

▼ Check all that are correct.

- A. ☐ in the circus
- B. ☐ at school
- C. ☐ in parades
- D. ☐ in the woods

2) What prize does Tess win in the horse show?

- A. _____
- _____
- _____

3) What does Tess need to do while her horse runs and jumps?

- A. dance
- B. hold on
- C. sing
- D. stand up

4) Where is Tess's mother during the show?

- A. _____
- _____
- _____

5) Why does Tess's father yell?

- A. He is mad.
- B. He needs help.
- C. He is surprised.
- D. He is excited.

6) Why do you think Tess named the horse Twin?

- A. because Tess has a twin
- B. because there are two horses
- C. because another horse looks very similar to Twin
- D. because Tess feels the same as Twin when they ride

7) What color ribbon does Tess get?

- A. _____
- _____
- _____

8) How does Tess's mom feel about the ribbon?

▼ Check all that are correct.

- A. ☐ happy
 - B. ☐ mad
 - C. ☐ proud
 - D. ☐ sad
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