Let’s Learn About Horses!

Ever wonder why someone named their horse Star? Or maybe Blaze? It could be because of the white on the horse’s face! Let’s learn about the different kinds of face markings!

Bald Blaze Snip Stripe Star

Are you ready for a quiz? Label each of the following face markings, and then check the answer grid below to see if you are right! Some of the horses may have more than one face marking, so look at them carefully!

1.) __________________________
2.) __________________________
3.) __________________________
4.) __________________________
5.) __________________________
6.) __________________________

Answers to Face Markings Quiz:
1.) Star
2.) Bald
3.) Star, Snip, & a Snip
4.) Star & a Stripe
5.) Blaze
6.) This horse has no face markings. That was a nice trick, wasn’t it?

Draw a line to the answer for each question.

1.) You would use this item to groom or clean your horse:
2.) When you need to lead your horse from the pasture to the barn, you would put this on its head:
3.) Before riding your horse, you might put these on its legs first:
4.) If you are riding western today, you would put this on your horse’s back:
5.) If you are planning to practice jumping your horse today, you would put this on its back:
6.) This is a type of bit used in a horse’s mouth when it is being ridden:
7.) Some people use this as a bedding in a horse’s stall:
8.) Most horses that are ridden a lot have this on the bottom of their hooves:

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What Color Is That Horse??

Horses come in lots of different colors! But do you know what those colors are called? Read the descriptions to learn about the colors. Then, choose one and color the horses!

**Bay**: the body color is a shade of red or brown and the mane & tail are black. Sometimes a bay horse has black on their lower legs also.

**Black**: the body is a true black color without any other colors mixed in. The mane & tail are also black.

**Buckskin**: body is yellow or gold colored, the mane & tail are black, and there is black on the lower legs.

**Chestnut**: the body is a red color, and the mane & tail are usually a shade of red also.

**Dun**: yellow or gold body color, black mane & tail, a black stripe down the middle of their back (called a dorsal stripe), and sometimes they have black stripes across their legs.

**Gray**: a mixture of white with any other colored hairs. These horses are often born a solid color and then get lighter and lighter as they get older.

**Palomino**: the body is a golden yellow. The mane & tail are white.

There are many more colors of horses, but these are just a few of the more common ones.

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Do you want to help horses in KY? Do you want to help other people learn about horses? Tell your parents to buy the horse license plate! The money used to buy this license plate will go to the Kentucky Horse Council, which helps horses and helps people to learn about horses.

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What’s a pony’s favorite hairstyle? *A ponytail!*

When does a horse talk? *Whinney wants to!*

What do you call a horse that lives next door? *A neigh-bor!*

What did the horse say when it fell? *I’ve fallen and I can’t giddy-up!*

What happens when a horse gets mad and kicks you in the knee? *He gets a kick out of it!*