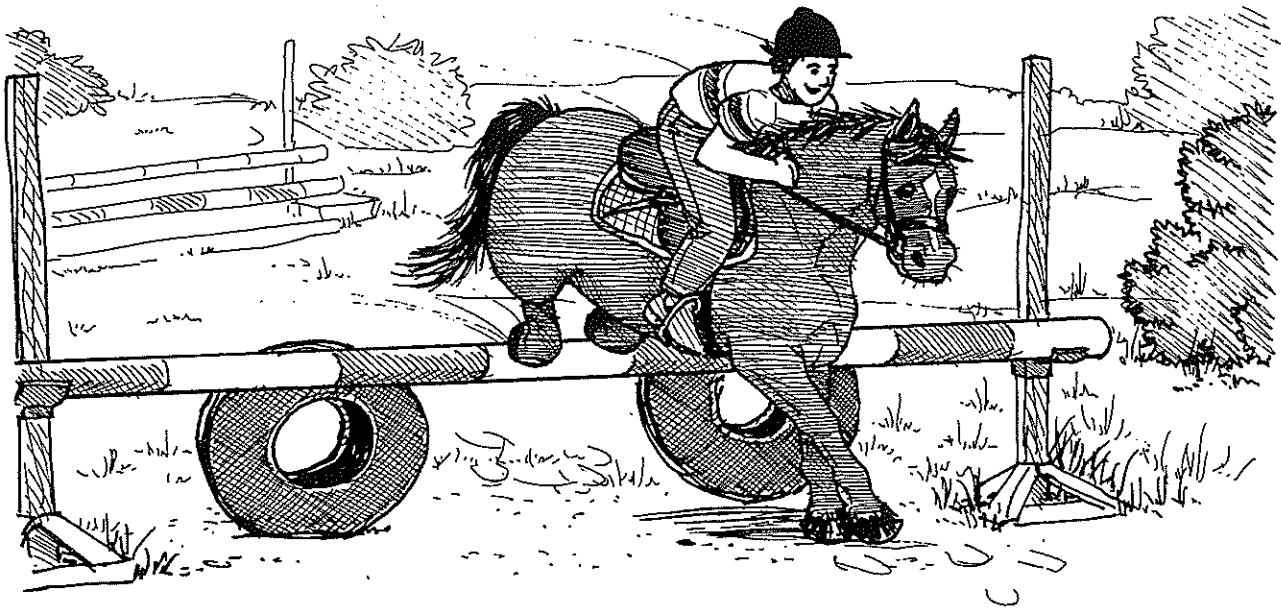


An autobiography is the story of someone's life, as told by that person. Read this autobiography and answer the questions. It is an imaginary one, of course.



My story begins at Rosewood in Queensland. I am Tewala, a Welsh mountain pony and I am 10 years old. I was born on a small farm just outside Rosewood.

Many of my relatives had worked in the coal mines near Ipswich many years before I was born. The first thing I can remember is being taken by my mother to a large grassy paddock not far from the farmhouse. I do remember that the first couple of winters were very cold. When my winter coat began to grow I didn't notice the cold too much.

My mother and my other relatives were used sometimes to pull small carts for our owners. Often children from other farms would visit us. They would spend lots of time driving them about the paddocks and country tracks. I was too small at the time but it wasn't too long before I joined in too.

My mistress was a young, fair-haired girl named Janey. She was very kind to me, fed me well and groomed me carefully. Janey entered me in pony club events. I enjoyed the competition and the company of all the other ponies, except a black pony named Ned who was a pretty nasty character.

After several years, Janey left the farm and I had some new owners. They did not treat me as kindly as Janey had and finally I was sold.

I was loaded aboard a brand new horse float and my journey began. After what seemed like days (but was really only hours), I arrived at my new house. My new owner was Steve and he was really kind to me. He'd take me down to the training yard near the creek and practice jumps for hours. I enjoyed being with Steve but when there are no other horses about, it is a bit lonely.

I'm still with Steve but we don't go riding as much now. I'm looking forward to going for some trail rides when he's on holidays.

1. Where was Tewala born? _____
2. What was the first thing that the pony could remember? _____

3. What were the ponies used for? _____

4. How did Tewala describe his first owners? _____

5. What did the pony think about the pony club events? _____

6. Write the phrase or sentence that means:
 - a. was a good owner _____
 - b. an unpleasant creature _____
 - c. liked going in the events _____
7. Arrange in note form the main events so far in Tewala's life. The first two have been written for you.

Born at Rosewood - learned to pull small carts _____

FOLLOW-UP

Autobiographies are written in order of the events that have taken place in the person's life. Pretend you are another person, or an animal, and write an autobiography.