

SOLVE THE CASE OF THE RECKLESS RIDER

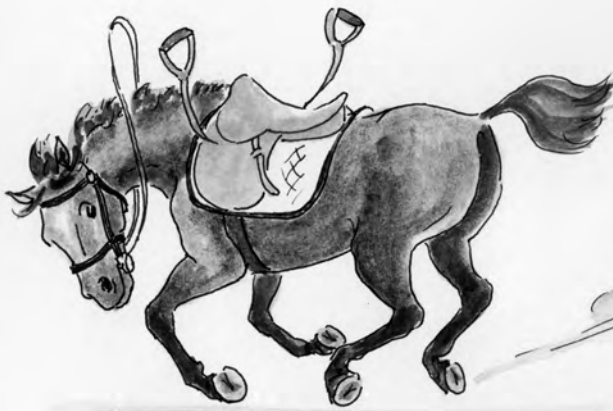
“Oh boy – Sunday!” shouts Dorothy as she hurries to collect her riding gear and heads off to the barn on a hot summer day. She is a little short on sleep from last night’s slumber party, but that isn’t going to stop her from missing her riding lesson. Dorothy looks anxiously at her watch and decides breakfast can wait until after the lesson.

Dorothy has never missed a lesson! Ready to burst out of the car, she realizes she’s a bit thirsty. No matter, “a stick of gum will do the trick,” and off she goes. She gives her favorite horse, Chaz, a quick flick with the grooming tools, tacks up and scurries into the outdoor ring. Still in her skinny tank top from

the night before, Dorothy notes she should put sun lotion on, but it can wait until after the lesson. Chaz gives a low nicker as she mounts up, eager to learn the new jump course.

Chaz is being his usual golden boy self, but Dorothy has a hard time concentrating right from the start for some reason. It all gets a bit fuzzy – especially after the fall. Dorothy sits on the ground gasping for air, wondering why she fell off.

Investigate the potential reasons contributing to Dorothy’s accident.



1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Answers: Dorothy was tired and not alert, dehydrated and overheated, hungry and weak, sunburnt and chewing gum (leading to choking). Staying sharp and alert is important when you are around horses.