7 THE FIRE

One day the Squire and Mrs Gordon decided to visit on friends who lived about forty-six miles from our home, and them.

In the evening we stopped at a big hoter of pend the night. We drove into a yard. The stableman brought us the stable and two grooms looked after us. One man, To had a pipe in his mouth.

"Towler," the stableman said. "Get om hay for these horses. Put your pipe down first!"

"All right," said Towler. He got to y and lett



GLOSS

- drove: (here) roue a horse and cart
- hay: dried grass

- pipe: 🛎
- yard: area beside buildings

I didn't know what time it was, but I woke up in the middle of the night. I felt very uncomfortable. Ginger was coughing. It was dark, and I couldn't see anything, but the stable was full of smoke, and it was hard to breathe.

I heard a strange noise. I did not know what voise was, but I was very frightened.

At last I heard steps outside, and the stableme ame in with a light. He tried to lead the horses at at they were very frightened. Eventually he came to me not add led to drag me out. I didn't want to go. In the end, tried as all and then left the stable.

Maybe we were foolish, but we were we danger and we did not trust anyone.

DANGER

What is the danger for Black __auty and the other horses?

Describe a dangerou sit in you were in.

How did you escape:

- coughing: The a noise as you expel air from your mouth
- · drag: pull in a rough way
- · foolish: stupid
- frightened: scared; feeling afraid of something
- lead: guide; direct
- smoke: black cloud from fire
- trust: feel that you believe someone
- · uncomfortable: strange; not relaxed

I looked up and I saw a red light dancing on the wall. Then I heard the shout of "Fire!" coming from outside. There was a terrible roaring noise.

Next I heard James' voice, calm and cheerful, proceed, my beauties, wake up and come with me," heard. He tied his scarf over my eyes, and led me out of the same dout of danger. Then he ran back inside. I gave a strong as I saw him go. Ginger told me later that she heard my whinh, and it gave her the courage to come out.

I heard a crash in the stable, then I w James with Ginger; she was coughing and he was not able

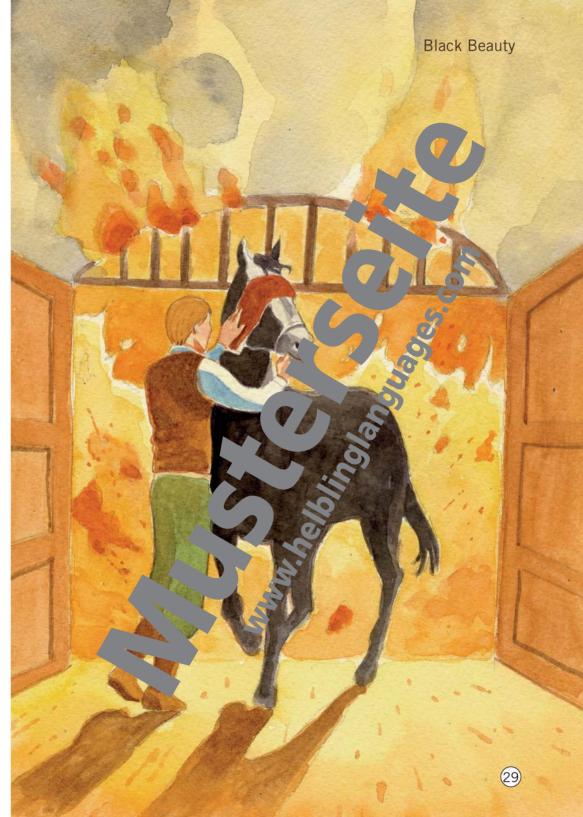
We got out as quickly as possible pen Squire Godon took us all to a large hotel on the other side of the side of t

But Ginger and I knew that the es buried to death in the stable – it was terrible was fell and sad

The next morning James heard and Dick Towler was responsible for the fire. The night a manual whim in the stable with a pipe in his mouth At Bir vick Tark the rule was "No pipes in the stable". And it were good rule.

Glosso

- burned to death: died in the fire from burns
- · cheerful: happy
- courage: bravery; strength
- responsible: (here) it was his fault; he did it
- · roaring: (here) loud and frightening
- wake up: stop sleeping



We returned home and were glad to be in our own stable again. But we were sad because James had a new job, and he was leaving soon. One morning James asked John:

"Who is going to take my place here when I leave?

"Little Joe Green," said John.

"Little Joe Green! Why, he's a child!"

"He is fourteen and a half," said John.

he is a good worker, and kind, too."

At last the day came for James to have us. He looked very sad.

"Cheer up", James," said John. The going to make lots of new friends in your new job

But we were all very s say say by James.



Glossa

• cheer up: be happy

After Reading

Characters

1 Black Beauty met many different human being during , some kind, some cruel. Look at this list of characters from the book. Who was kind and who was cruel to Be ty? Write names in the correct list.

Joe Green Nicholas Skinner Culten Smith Mr Barry's groom Jerry Barker V. Squite Gordon

KIND	CRUEL

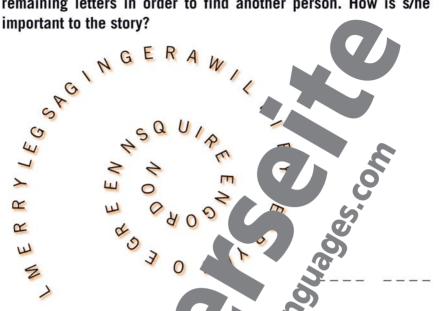


2 Read the clues and fire name of a character from the story.

a) I used to bite peor because I was angry whe were not kind to me. I loves being in the meadow with Black Beauty and Ginger.

- c) I am a sing boy. Blac is my special end by the by
- d) We bought Beauty
 when he was four.
 Wy wife and I were
 very fond of him.
- e) I used be a hardworking cab owner. But I was always kind to my horse, Jack.
- f) I am a groom and am very glad that I have found Black Beauty again.

3 Find the names of the characters in the wordsnake. Then put the remaining letters in order to find another person. How is s/he important to the story?



4 Circle three adjectives that Black Beauty.

unfrienally intelligent friendly lazy hard-working stupid cruel angry

- in pairs Date of Discuss these quest.
 - a) Describe cter collack Beauty.
 - b) Wha dinger's characters?
 - 6 Gin egs and Black Beauty were happy when they spent neadow together, and told their stories. Write the between the three horses, imagining what they say to each other.
- 3 Act it out in class.