

HORSING AROUND

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Horses were eaten in the Old Stone Age, broken and ridden or used for farm animals in later periods, mounted by knights and hitched to coaches and buggies. Indeed, we still measure power in horsepower. See if you can provide the words defined below, words which give some hint of the immense and long-lasting influence of our equine friends on human vocabulary. If you get all these right, try to make a list of 24 proverbs involving horses, starting with "A horse of a different color," "If wishes were horses, beggars would ride," "A man on a white horse," and so on.

1. A personal attendant of royalty
2. A gallant or courteous gentleman
3. A high military or court official
4. A ceremonial procession
5. A companion of horses (or brides)
6. A trusted helper or follower
7. Irregular Turkish or regular Algerian cavalryman
8. A man who shoes or treats horses
9. A stableman or innkeeper
10. A long mirror
11. A pack horse
12. The medieval system of knighthood
13. Horsemanship
14. A Spanish gentleman
15. A French title of knighthood
16. A person who follows an army to sell to soldiers
17. A saddlehorse, for a woman
18. A cero (fish)
19. Free and easy, haughty and supercilious
20. A relish made of grated root of the mustard family
21. An old name for a veterinary surgeon
22. An Indian groom
23. Boisterous fun
24. Irregularly white and another color
25. Harnesses, bridles, etc.

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