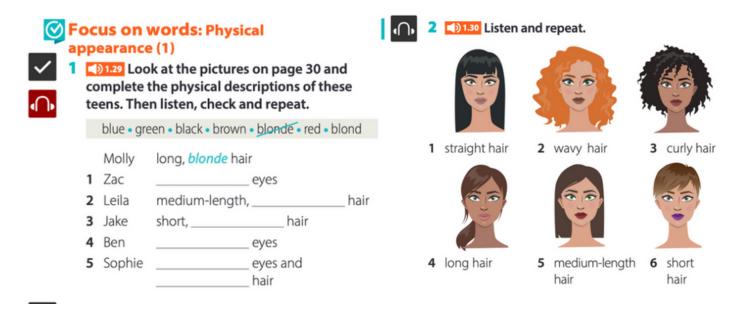


- 1. Time constraints (long programme & coursebook)
- 2. Test preparation
- 3. Convincing students to buy in!
- 4. Convincing parents to invest in readers!
- 5. Limited preparation time.
- 6. Already have enough material in English Goals



**Task 1:** Think of 10 words to describe people's physical appearance. **Task 2:** Compare your list with the words in exercises 1 and 2. Give yourself 5 points for each word in the coursebook on your list.





## Let's bring out a reader...

**Task 1**: Choose and describe a character without identifying him / her for your partner to guess who you are describing.



**Task 2**: Rate the characters in the order of importance you think they have in the story.

## Activity 2



#### Use a reader to empower students: Let them choose which text to read!

**Task 1:** Promote students to teachers and get them to create 5 True (T) or False (F) sentences about the text.

# How I Got My Name

▶ 2 Hello. My name's Black Beauty. I think it's a nice name? Do you like it? I do. It's not a normal' name like Peter, or David. It's different. That's because I'm different. I'm not a man or a woman. I'm a horse. A horse has a story to tell, just like a man or a woman. This is my story.

At first Black Beauty was called Darkie and he lived with his mother and played with the other young horses. I'm going to start my story at the beginning. That's where the best stories start. I'm old now but I still remember when I was young. At the beginning my name wasn't Black Beauty. It was Darkie. I was very handsome<sup>2</sup>. Everybody said so. I lived with my mother. At first I couldn't eat grass. I was too young, so I drank my mother's milk. At night, I slept close to<sup>3</sup> her. When it was hot, we stayed together under the trees.

Soon I was old enough to eat grass. There were six other young horses, who played with me in our field. We ran together. Sometimes we went to the river to drink the water there.



## Activity 3

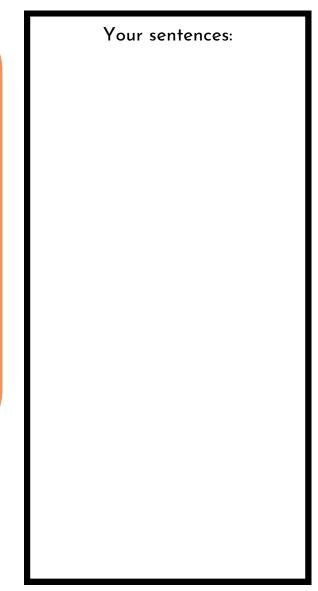
Task 1: Read the text.

Chapter 2

# **My New Home**

John looked after me well. He talked to me a lot, and his voice was very kind. Of course, I couldn't answer John. I wanted to tell him that I liked him, but I couldn't. James was a kind young boy as well. I thought I was very lucky in my new home.

A few days later, I went out with Ginger in the carriage<sup>1</sup>. We soon became quite friendly. Merrylegs and I were also good friends. That little horse was always so happy. It was difficult not to like him. Black Beauty likes his new home, the people and the other horses, but he wants to be free.



There was another horse in the stable. His name was Sir Olivier. He didn't work because he was too old, but everybody loved him.

I was happy in my new home. I had a nice place to sleep and good food. What more could I want? Well, there was something I wanted. I wanted to be free. Before, when I was young, I was free. I could run in the field when I wanted to. But now I had to stand up in the stable for hours, and then I had to work.



# **Task 2:** Congratulations! You are now a grammar doctor! Find the mistakes are cure the patients!

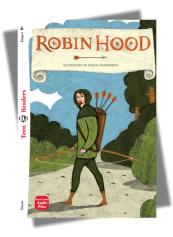
Patient 1: James was more young than John.

- Patient 2: Black Beauty was friendliest with Merrylegs than Ginger.
- Patient 3: Sir Oliver was the older horse of all.
- Patient 4: Black Beauty was more free when he was youngest.

Patient 5: Black Beauty wanted to be freest.

#### Activity 4

Task I: Read the text.



'With generous church people like you, I can feed the poor,' replied Robin calmly.

King Richard was amazed by Robin's clever answer, knowing that all bishops liked to be considered generous.

'Well, here are twenty gold coins,' he said. 'Your kind offer astonishes' me!' said Robin, 'but let's eat before you have to pay the final bill.'

At this point, the King laughed aloud, and it was Robin's turn' to be surprised. Then he took off his bishop's hat to reveal<sup>2</sup> his crown<sup>3</sup>. Robin suddenly realised who he was talking to, and fell to his knees saying:

'My King and my Master, please forgive me.'

Looking kindly at this brave young man, the King said:

'Robin Hood, please stand up. You've served my people well while I was away. I pardon you for any crimes people say you've done. You're a free man - you and your band of Merry Men!'

The Merry Men shouted:

'Long live King Richard the Lionheart!'

'In addition, Robin, your lands and title of Earl of Huntingdon are yours again. I wish you a long life to enjoy them,' said the King.

Robin said nothing, but with tears of joy in his eyes, he realised that all his dreams had come true at last.  $( \blacksquare )$ 

The King takes off his bishop's hat to show Robin that he's the King. Then, he tells Robin that he and his men are free and gives Robin back his lands and his title of Earl of Huntingdon. All Robin's dreams have come true!

**Task 2**: Create a short dialogue between Robin and Marian in which Robin tells her the good news. Then, role-play it to the class.

Robin:

Marian:

Robin:

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Marian: Robin:

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#### My notes

Task 1: Boost your learning by completing your notes about today's session.

3 Interesting theoretical concepts / ideas that we discussed today:

2 Activities that I enjoyed and that I think I could do with my students:

1 idea I could use to bring readers into my classroom:

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