

Charlie the Horse

An out-of-towner drove his car into a ditch in a desolate area. Luckily, a local farmer came to help with his big strong horse named Charlie.



He hitched Charlie up to the car and yelled, "Pull, Molly, pull!" Charlie didn't move.

Then the farmer hollered, "Pull, Harry, pull!" Charlie didn't respond.

Once more the farmer commanded, "Pull, Jimbo, pull!" Nothing.

Then the farmer nonchalantly said, "Pull, Charlie, pull!" And the horse easily dragged the car out of the ditch.

The motorist was most appreciative and very curious. He asked the farmer why he had called his horse by the wrong name three times.

The farmer said, "Oh, Charlie is blind and if he thought he was the only one pulling, he wouldn't even try!"



Write any new words and check their meanings.

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1. Choose the best meanings for these words used in the text.
Write the word number next to the meaning. Number 1 is done for you.

1. out-of-towner		to attach or connect
2. desolate		casually, unconcerned
3. commanded		eager to know
4. appreciative		without inhabitants
5. nonchalantly		drainage trench
6. curious	1	a visitor from another town or city
7. ditch		feeling gratitude, grateful
8. hitch		ordered

2. Find 3 verbs which show the farmer was speaking loudly.

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3. There are several adverbs and adjectives in the text.
Fill in the missing words in this table:

Nouns	Adjectives add meaning to nouns	Adverbs add meaning to verbs or adjectives
	desolate	_____
	strong	
	local	
		luckily
		nonchalantly
		easily
	curious	
	appreciative	

4. Write a sentence to explain why the farmer used the wrong horse name three times.

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Charlie the Horse - **Answers**

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1. out-of-towner	8	to attach or connect
2. desolate	5	casually, unconcerned
3. commanded	6	eager to know
4. appreciative	2	without inhabitants
5. nonchalantly	7	drainage trench
6. curious	1	a visitor from another town or city
7. ditch	4	feeling gratitude, grateful
8. hitch	3	ordered

2. 1.....yelled 2.hollered... 3.commanded.....

3.

<i>Nouns</i>	<i>Adjectives add meaning to nouns</i>	<i>Adverbs add meaning to verbs or adjectives</i>
desolation	desolate	_____
strength	strong	strongly
locality	local	locally
luck	lucky	luckily
nonchalance	nonchalant	nonchalantly
ease	easy	easily
curiosity	curious	curiously
appreciation	appreciative	appreciatively

4. For example:

He called out three different names to make Charlie, who couldn't see, think there were three other horses there to help him pull the heavy weight.