

# Jack and the Strange Horse

Put the verbs into the past simple tense

Jack \_\_\_\_\_ (stride) into 'Mick's Stable' as he \_\_\_\_\_ (want) to buy a horse. "Listen here" \_\_\_\_\_ (say) Mick, "I've got the perfect horse for you, the only thing is, he was trained by a strange fellow. He doesn't go and stop in the usual way. The way to get him to stop is to scream *Hey hey* and the way to get him to go is to scream *Thank Heavens*."

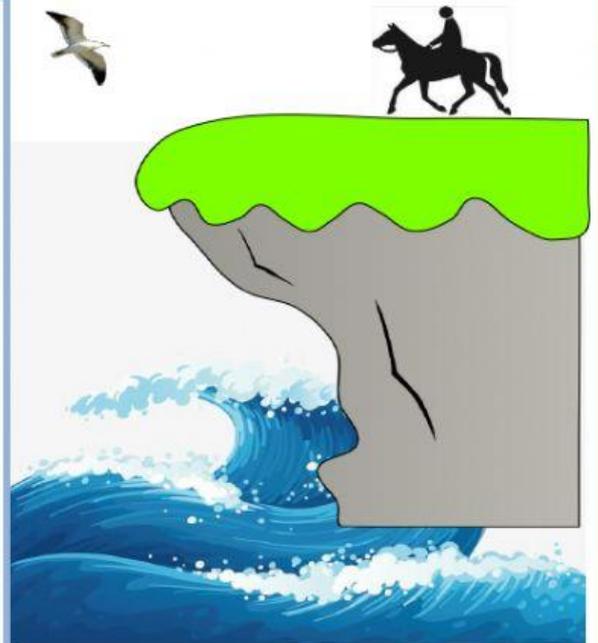
Jack \_\_\_\_\_ (nod) his head and \_\_\_\_\_ (reply), "That's fine with me. Can I take him for a test run?" The horse \_\_\_\_\_ (run) very fast. He was galloping down a grassy road when Jack suddenly \_\_\_\_\_ (see) a cliff up ahead. "Stop! Whoa!" \_\_\_\_\_ (scream) Jack, but the horse \_\_\_\_\_ (keep) on going.

No matter how much he \_\_\_\_\_ (try), Jack \_\_\_\_\_ (can) not remember the words to get it to stop. "Yoyo" \_\_\_\_\_ he (yell), but the horse \_\_\_\_\_ (not stop). It was 5 feet from the cliff when Jack \_\_\_\_\_ (remember).

"Hey hey!" he \_\_\_\_\_ finally (shout). The horse \_\_\_\_\_ (skid) to a halt just one inch from the cliff. Jack \_\_\_\_\_ (can) not believe his good fortune and he \_\_\_\_\_ (look) up to the sky, \_\_\_\_\_ (raise) his hands in the air, \_\_\_\_\_ (breathe) a deep sigh of relief and \_\_\_\_\_ (say) "Thank heavens!".

Answer the questions in full sentences.

- 1) Why did Jack go into Mick's Stable?  
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- 2) Who trained the horse?  
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- 3) What do you have to say to make the horse stop?  
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- 4) What must you say to make the horse go?  
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- 5) On the test run, did the horse walk slowly?  
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- 6) What did Jack see ahead?  
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- 7) How close to the edge was the horse when it finally skidded to a halt (stopped)?  
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- 8) What did Jack say when the horse finally stopped?  
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- 9) What do you think happened next?  
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Don't worry, the horse was a good swimmer! After this incident, Jack taught it normal commands: he clicked his tongue for it to start and he said 'Whoa!' for it to stop.