## 'War Horse' Extract
## Comprehension Questions

### Vocabulary and Meaning:

1. What does the word intrigued most nearly mean in the text?
   a) frightened
   b) angry
   c) curious and interested
   d) confused

2. The word smoothed (line 6) suggests Albert:
   a) hit the horse
   b) brushed the saddle
   c) cleaned the stable
   d) comforted and calmed the horse

3. What does **dabbed** mean in the sentence about salt water?
   a) poured quickly into a bottle
   b) touched gently with something wet
   c) splashed violently at someone
   d) washed completely

4. What is a smithy?
   a) a horse stable
   b) a cavalry barracks
   c) a soldier's tent
   d) a blacksmith's workshop

5. The word **obstinate** most closely means:
   a) very intelligent, easy to understand
   b) very angry and violent
   c) stubborn, difficult to control
   d) frightened, hard to control

6. When Albert says Joey **gave him back his confidence**, what does he mean?
   a) Joey made him rich
   b) Joey trained him for war
   c) Joey taught him to fight
   d) Joey made him brave again

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## Gap Fill

Fill in the blanks with words from the text.

7. Albert spoke so _____ that Joey immediately felt calm.
8. Albert rubbed Joey's back and neck and brought him a bucket of cool, deep _____.
9. Albert decided to call the horse _____because it rhymed with Zoey.
10. Albert's mother said horses were _____creatures that could not understand people.
11. Albert had once been an apprentice _____with his father.
12. When the war began, Albert eventually joined the _____.
13. Riding Joey again helped Albert regain his _____.

## Multiple Choice

Fill in the blanks with words from the text.

14. Why did Joey jump at first when Albert touched him?
    a) He was excited to see Albert
    b) He was angry at humans
    c) He wanted food
    d) He thought Albert might hurt him

15. What did Albert do to help Joey after rubbing his skin?
    a) He put a blanket over him
    b) He washed the sore skin with salt water
    c) He gave him medicine
    d) He let him run outside

16. Why does Albert say he will call the horse Joey?
    a) It is his favourite name
    b) It was the horse's original name
    c) His mother chose the name
    d) It rhymes with Zoey and suits him

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17. According to Albert's mother, why should he not talk to horses?
    a) Horses get angry
    b) Horses cannot hear humans
    c) Horses are stupid and do not understand
    d) Horses will run away

18. Why did Albert join the cavalry?
    a) He loved war
    b) His father forced him
    c) He had grown up around horses
    d) His friends joined

19. Why had Albert been afraid of riding again after the first battle?
    a) His horse had died
    b) The memory of battle frightened him
    c) He was injured
    d) He had forgotten how to ride

**Comprehension and Inference**

Read the options carefully and choose the correct answer.

20. Why do you think Joey quickly began to trust Albert?

    _____

21. What does Albert's mother's opinion about horses reveal about her character?

    _____

22. Why did Albert believe his father was "frightened of" horses?

    _____

23. What does the passage suggest about the bond between Joey and Albert?

    _____

24. Why does Albert compare riding Joey to being "one of those knights in armour"?

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