

VOCABULARY

Activity #1

Boxed In - Position in the race in which a horse has another horse ahead, beside, and behind with no room to move to an outside position.

Condition Sheet - List of upcoming week's race classifications as written by the racing secretary.

Overnight - Race for which entries close 72 hours or less before the day the race is scheduled; also called an overnight race.

Paddock - Large area, usually a barn, that holds the horses, drivers, trainers, and caretakers entered in the day's races.

Post Position - The numbered slot on the starting gate into which a horse is guided as the horses gather just before the race starts.

Purse - Prize money offered in a race which is distributed to the first five finishers.

Stake - Race in which the purse is made up at least in part from money (usually months in advance) by owners of the horses entered; also called a stake race.

Parked Out/First Over - Position in a race in which a horse has another horse to his/her inside and cannot get down to the inside position to save ground.

Pari-Mutuel - Form of wagering that originated in France in which all money bet is divided among those who have winning tickets after taxes and other deductions are made.

Program - Booklet listing the day's schedule of races.

Activity #2

A day at the races - full of excitement and fun! First, you stop to buy a **program** so you know the order of the races and the horses and drivers who are racing. At first glance you notice that there are both **overnight** races and **stake** races which have higher **purse**s because owners have paid fees well in advance to keep their horses eligible.

Some of the race classifications are sort of hard to understand but you know they are based on the racing secretary's **condition sheet** which is what the trainers use to decide which races to enter their horses.

It's time for the first race of the day. All the horses in the first race walk out of the **paddock** and begin to post parade in front of the crowd. You pick number 3 (saddle pad color is white) so "your" horse and driver ease in between the number two and four **post position** behind the starting gate. The wings of the gate fold and the starter yells "go"! The race is on! Your horse goes to the rail with one horse ahead of him. In order to avoid getting **boxed in** with nowhere to go, your driver takes

the horse to the lead just past the halfway point. Down the stretch, the number 4 horse gets tired because he has been **parked out/first over** and travelled much more distance. Your horse races very well and finishes a close second!

Whether a county fair race or a track with **pari-mutuel** betting, going to the races is fun just because you enjoy watching the horses and the strategies of the drivers!

WORD SCRAMBLE

1. DRIVERS
2. PADDOCK
3. STARTING GATE
4. JUDGES
5. TOTE BOARD
6. ANNOUNCER
7. GRANDSTAND
8. OUTFRIDER
9. POST PARADE
10. PACERS
11. FINISH LINE
12. TROTTERS
13. WINNERS CIRCLE

TRUE/FALSE

14. True
15. True
16. True
17. False
18. True
19. False
20. True

PICTOGRAMS

1. Homestretch
2. Head number
3. Photo finish
4. Post time
5. Purse
6. Standardbred

HOOVES & HORSESHOES

1. C - hoof
2. D - horseshoe
3. A - rasp
4. E - nippers
5. B - hoof dressing
6. F - horseshoe nail

FOR THE FAN ON RACE DAY

Activity

1. Blue
2. Black
3. Yellow
4. Half-mile track
5. Five-eighths mile track
6. 30 seconds
Bonus: 30 miles per hour
7. 29 seconds
Bonus: 31.03 miles per hour
8. 28 seconds
Bonus: 32.14 miles per hour
9. A. Bangor Raceway, Buffalo Raceway, Charlottetown Driving Park, Clinton Raceway, Dresden Raceway, Delaware (OH) County Fair, Exhibition Park, Flamboro Downs, Fredericton Raceway, Freehold Raceway, Grand River Raceway, Hanover Raceway, Harrington Raceway, Hippodrome Trois Rivieres, Inverness Raceway, Leamington Raceway, Monticello Raceway, Northfield Park, Northside Downs, Northville Downs, Ocean Downs, Saratoga Harness, Scarborough Downs, Shenandoah Downs, Truro Raceway, Yonkers Raceway, and nearly all county fairs
B. Dover Downs, Century Downs, Fraser Downs, Georgian Downs, Harrah's Philadelphia, Hiawatha Horse Park, Hollywood Gaming Dayton Raceway, Kawartha DownsThe Meadows, Miami Valley Raceway, Oak Grove Racing & Gaming, Plainridge Park, Pompano Park, The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono, Rideau Carleton Raceway, Rosecroft Raceway, Running Aces Racetrack, Scioto Downs, Silver Springs Ranch, Tioga Downs
C. Harrah's Hoosier Park, Mohawk Park Racetrack, Vernon Downs
D. Cal Expo, Hawthorne Racecourse, DuQuoin State Fair, Illinois State Fair, Indiana State Fair, The Meadowlands, The Red Mile
10. #1-red; #2-blue; #3-white; #4-green; #5-black; #6-yellow; #7-pink; #8-grey; #9-purple; #10-red/blue; #11-light blue; #12-red/white

WHO IS GOING TO THE FAIR?

HORSE	AGE	COLOR	DRIVER	TRACK
Record Holder	10	Grey	David Miller	Hoosier Park
Petrel	3	Brown	Trace Tetrick	Harrington Raceway
Pride And Glory	2	Bay	Scott Zeron	The Meadowlands
Wandering Billie	14	Black	Corey Callahan	The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono
Goodbye	7	Chestnut	Yannick Gingras	The County Fair

WHERE EXACTLY IS HARNESS RACING

1. California, Delaware, Florida, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Maryland, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, Vermont, Wisconsin, West Virginia
2. Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, Quebec
3. 8 - Iowa, Manitoba, Missouri, Mississippi, Tennessee, Vermont, Wisconsin, West Virginia
4. 11 - Alberta, British Columbia, California, Delaware, Florida, Massachusetts, New Brunswick, New Jersey, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island
5. 12 - Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Quebec, Virginia
6. Ohio
7. Ontario
8. Maine
9. British Columbia
10. Variable - depends on where you live!

Please note: Truro Raceway in Nova Scotia and Mohawk Park Racetrack and Rideau Carleton Raceway in Ontario were mistakenly left off the original master list of tracks in Canada - this doesn't affect the final count but certainly is significant - apologies for the error!