

READ THE PASSAGE Think about a time when you learned something new.

Whoa, Boy!

Evan lived in the city. More than anything, he wanted to ride a horse. He could hardly wait to gallop as fast as the wind. Evan visited Uncle Pete at his farm. His uncle was ready to show Evan how to ride.

Evan sat on a fence as his uncle walked a horse toward him. The ground seemed to shake with every step the horse took. Evan dug his fingernails into the fence. He stared at the huge beast. "Were all horses this big?" he wondered.

Uncle Pete helped Evan onto the horse's back. Then Evan tapped the horse's sides with his heels. The horse began to trot. Evan bounced up and down like a jumping frog.

"Riding a horse hurts," said Evan. He decided to forget about galloping. For now, the speed of a merry-go-round seemed just right.

STRATEGY PRACTICE Circle the word or words and complete the sentence.

When I learned something new, I (felt did not feel) like Evan because _____

SKILL PRACTICE Read the item. Write your response.

1. How did Evan feel before he arrived at the farm? Which sentence lets you know?

2. Why did Evan dig his fingernails into the fence when he saw the horse?

3. Did Evan enjoy his ride? How do you know?
