



Horses & Ponies Etcetera!



Level 1 Issue 2: The Saddle

A series of educational fact sheets
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A saddle has
many different parts,
and each part has
a name.



About Saddles-

A saddle is what we put on a horse's back in order to ride them. There are many types of saddle, for all different types of riding.

The one shown below is an English General Purpose Saddle.

The saddle is held in place by a girth, which goes around the horse's middle. There are also many different types of girth!

Saddles are normally made of leather or synthetic leather, and require cleaning to keep them in good condition.

Skirt-

Underneath the skirt is the stirrup bar, which holds the stirrup leathers.

Knee Roll-

The knee roll is a padded area that provides extra support for the rider's knees .

Saddle Flap-

Underneath the saddle flap are the girth straps, which attach to the girth, and the buckle guard, which protects the saddle flaps from the buckles on the girth.

Panel-

The panel is the leather underneath the saddle flap.

Pommel

Seat

Cantle

Keeper-

The keeper holds the end of the stirrup leather in place.

Stirrup Iron-

The stirrup iron is what the rider puts their foot in. Special treads can be put in the stirrup to provide extra grip.

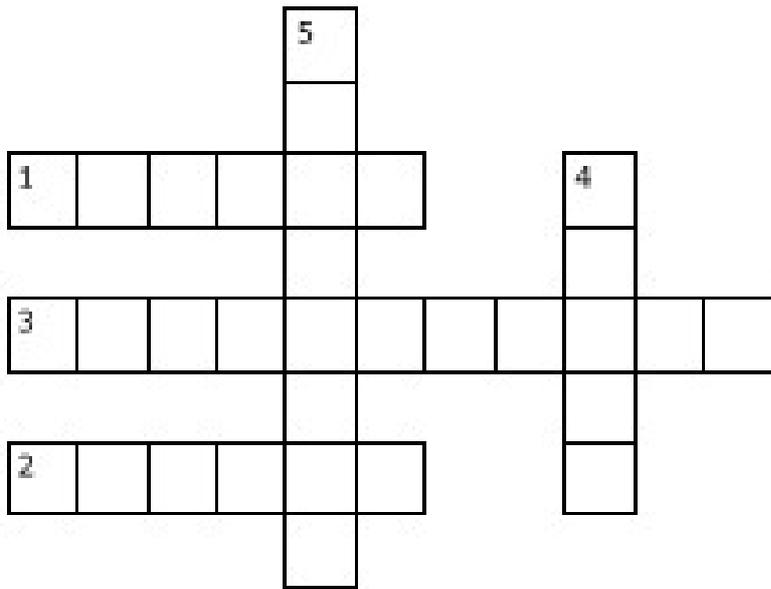
Stirrup Leather-

This attaches to the stirrup bar, and holds the stirrup iron. Its length can be adjusted as it has holes punched in it.

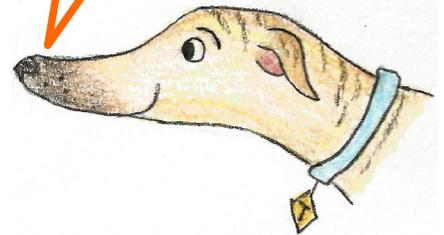


The Saddle

Help Timothy with the clues and complete the crossword.



How many clues can you figure out?

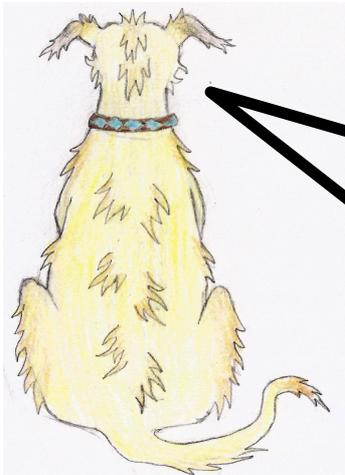


Across

- 1 The front of the saddle
- 2 The back of the saddle
- 3 Holds the rider's foot

Down

- 4 Holds the saddle on the horse
- 5 A padded area of the saddle that supports the rider's leg



Monty's Favourite Facts about Horses-

1. Horses can sleep while lying down and while standing up.
2. Horses have about 205 bones in their body.
3. Horses only eat plants, so they are herbivores.
4. Horses are able to walk, and even run, just hours after they are born.
5. Horses have been domesticated for over 5000 years.

Try my Quiz on last weeks topic! How much can you remember...?



The Points of the Horse-

1. What is the forelock?
2. Where is the muzzle?
3. What is the top of the tail called?
4. Why do a horse's ears move independently?
5. What is the long hair on a horse's neck called?
6. Where are a horse's blind spots?