

Unit 4 — English for Show Jumping

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Arena

A space where the competition takes place.

"The crowd watched from outside the arena."

Canter

A medium-speed way that horses move.

"The horse moved into a smooth canter."

Clear round

Completing the course with no faults.

"She had a clear round and advanced to the final."

Competition

A sports event to test skill and performance.

"The competition lasted two days."

Control

The ability to guide and manage the horse.

"The rider showed great control through the turns."

Course

The area where the horse and rider jump over obstacles.

"The course had twelve jumps."

Equestrian

Related to horseback riding and sports.

"She dreams of joining the equestrian team."

Fault

A mistake during the course, like knocking down a bar.

"The rider got a fault for touching the pole."

Gallop

The fastest way a horse runs.

"The horse galloped toward the final jump."

Helmet

A hard hat worn for safety during riding.

"The rider always wears a helmet during competitions."

Horse

A large animal used for riding and jumping in this sport.

"The horse jumped over every obstacle."

Jump

An action where the horse leaps into the air.

"The jump was clean and high."

Lead

The direction the horse's legs move in during a turn.

"She changed the lead before the next jump."

Obstacle

Something that the horse must jump over or avoid.

"The rider practiced clearing the obstacles."

Refusal

When the horse stops and won't jump.

"The horse had one refusal at the water jump."

Reins

Straps used to control the horse.

"He pulled the reins to slow the horse down."

Ribbon

A prize given for placing in the competition.

"She won a blue ribbon for first place."

Rider

A person who sits on a horse.

"The rider guided the horse through the course."

Saddle

A seat placed on the back of a horse for riding.

"She sat comfortably in the saddle."

Stirrup

A loop for the rider's foot on each side of the saddle.

"He put his foot in the stirrup and got on the horse."