



War Horse  
Comprehension

## Chapter 1

1. What is the narrative voice of the story? What clues tell you this? - Who or what is telling this story?
2. Describe the horse's earliest memories.
3. Why did the horse not call his new owner master?
4. How does the horse first describe his new owner? Quote from the chapter
5. What two words does the boy use to describe the horse to his mother?
6. Describe in detail the character of Albert
7. What reason did Mother have for Father buying the Horse?
8. Why did Albert decide to call the horse Joey?
9. How do you think Joey is feeling by the end of the chapter? What do you think is going on in his head?
10. Without using a dictionary and making use of the text within the chapter, define the following words and phrases:
  - Hubbub (P3)
  - 'but you'll be eating out of my hand quick as a twig' (P5)
  - recoiled (P6)
  - 'her words lacked conviction' (P8)

## Chapter 2

1. How do you know that time has passed since the end of the first chapter?
2. How do you know that Joey trusts Albert?
3. Why was Joey never able to trust Albert's father?
4. Why did Albert try and stay with Joey on Tuesdays?
5. Describe the incident between Joey and Father.
6. Why was Albert's behaviour towards Joey different?
7. Describe how Albert behaved towards Joey.
8. Describe Albert's mother's reaction to hearing that war had been declared.
9. Why do you think she reacted in this way?
10. What do you think will happen next?
11. Without using a dictionary and making use of the text within the chapter, define the following words and phrases:
  - pretext (P12)
  - 'ploughing straight as an arrow' (P15)
  - 'That was devilish stupid' (P16)
  - abundance (P19)

### Chapter 3

1. How do we know that Joey is leaving the farm soon? What tells us this?
2. What clues in the chapter tell us that Joey and Albert have a close relationship?
3. Why would Joey and Zoe be relieved that Albert had taken over the horse work from the farm?
4. What do we learn about Albert's father in this chapter?
5. Does this change your opinion of him? Justify your answer.
6. Describe in detail the relationship between Albert and his father. How do we know this?
7. Why was Joey immediately suspicious of father when he came into the stable?
8. What do you think is going through father's mind at the end of the chapter?
9. Where do you think father is taking Joey?
10. Without using a dictionary and making use of the text within the chapter, define the following words and phrases:
  - foreboding ((P22)
  - fit of pique (P24)
  - inquisitiveness (P26)
  - arbitrating (P27)