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A Visit to the Ranch



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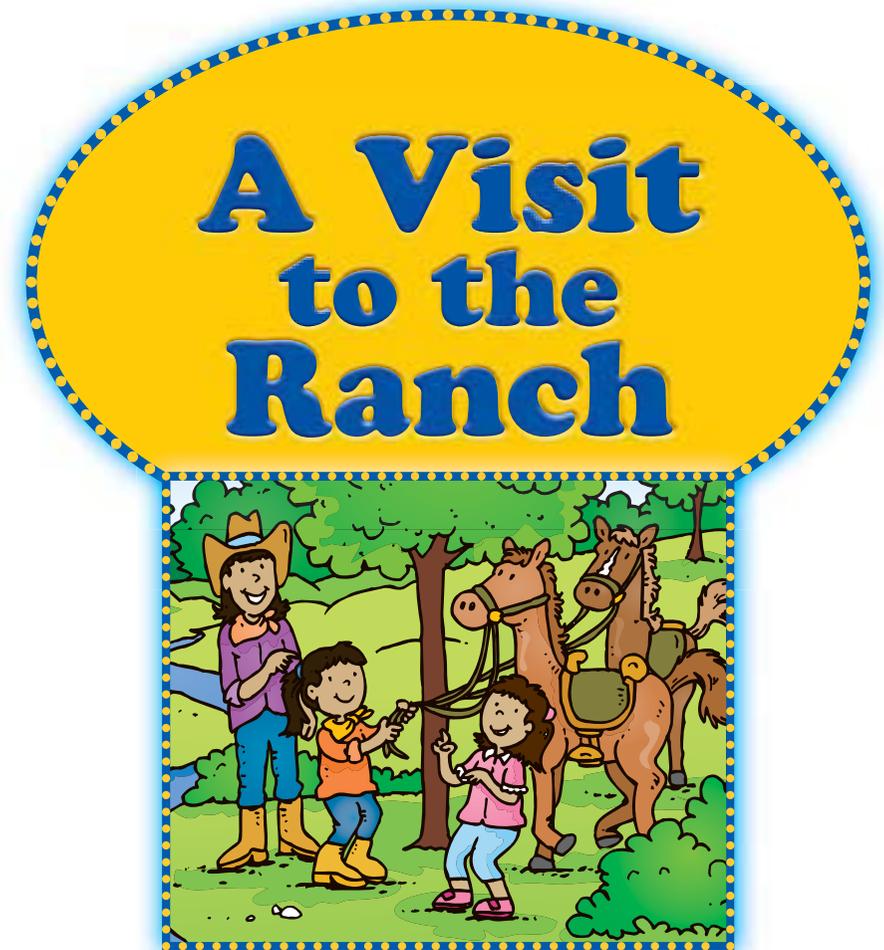
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Lia was excited. It was finally summer. Cousin Maria was coming to visit.

Maria had never visited the ranch before. Lia had so much to show her.



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Mike Dammer.

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Lia loved horses and hoped that Maria would too. "Let's go riding," Lia said.

Maria looked surprised. She had never been on a horse. "Do you ride often?" she asked.

"Yes!" Lia smiled proudly. "I ride all the time."



Maria stared at the big horse. She wanted to be brave, but she was afraid to touch him.

"There aren't many horses where I live," Maria said.

The girls talked about many things. Lia told Maria about the ranch.

Maria talked about life in the city. "We do lots of things," she said. "We go to museums and to the park. We ride our bikes and walk the dog in the park."



"Last summer, we went to eight baseball games. We rode on a train to get there. Our team won many games!" said Maria.

"I have never been to a real baseball game," said Lia. "And I have never been on a train."

The riders reached a stream. They decided to rest.

"You can tie the horses to this tree," said Lia's mother. "Be sure to tie good knots."



The horses drank the cool water. The girls began to wade. They laughed as they got a little wet.

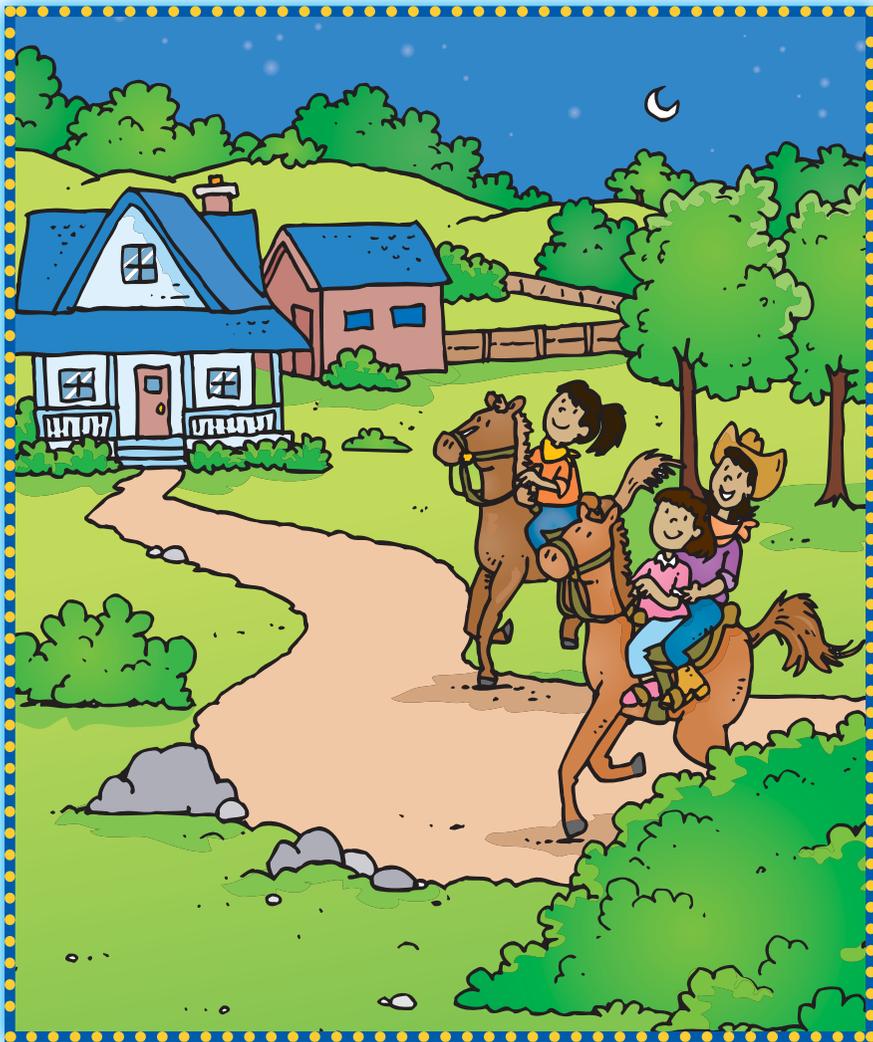
"Now, I will show you the cows and the sheep," said Lia.



There was so much to show Maria. They were still riding when they saw the moon rise above them.

Maria's mother said, "I guess dinner will be a little late tonight."

They started back to the house. They were tired and hungry.



"I am going to write to my family about life on the ranch," Maria said.

"City life sounds like fun too," said Lia.

"I have an idea," said Maria quickly. "Why don't you visit me next summer?"

"I'd love to!" said Lia.



Horses can be fun to ride, but many of them work very hard too. In New York City, some people ride in carriages. Horses pull these carriages. The carriages take people from place to place around the city and through the park.

Some farmers use horses to do work. It saves farmers money and is good for the environment. Horses are strong enough to carry logs and other heavy things. A team of horses can even do the same work as a small tractor!

Think and Share

1. What are the fact and details of this story? Use a chart like the one below to write the facts and details.

Facts	Details

2. What important facts did you find in this story? How did you know they were important?
3. Find a word in the story that is a number. Use that word in a sentence.
4. Where do you think you would prefer to live, on a ranch or in a city? Why?