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1 Verbs are *action* words. Some action verbs tell us how people *experience* the world around them (eg. touching, observing). Some tell us how people *feel* (eg. fearing, enjoying). Some tell us how people *understand* what is going on (eg. knowing, believing). Some tell us how something has been *said* (eg. yelled, shouted). Some tell us about *physical actions* (eg. running, smiling). Locate the action verbs in the following sentences and classify them in the grid below. The first one has been done for you.

- a "I would love a free horse!" she exclaimed. "What does it look like?"
- b Carmen sat on the fence and watched the other kids ride their horses around the riding school yard.
- c Carmen could hardly believe her luck.
- d She ran to the float and peered inside.
- e "Oh dear," said Carmen's dad, looking very upset. "I can't take him back — the man who gave him to me was moving today. He'll be gone by now."

Experience	Feel	Understand	Said	Physical actions
	Love		Exclaimed	

2 Answer the following questions by circling True or False. Write an example from the text that supports your answer.

- a Skeeter's previous owner didn't want him any more. True / False

- b Carmen didn't mind what sort of pet she received. True / False

- c A mule isn't a pure-bred animal. True / False

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1 Read through the following proverbs, then use examples from the text to show how each proverb could apply to Carmen's experiences with Skeeter.

a Never look a gift horse in the mouth.



b Don't count your chickens before they are hatched.

c You can lead a horse to water but you can't make it drink.

d Practice makes perfect.

e Where there's a will there's a way.

f You can't have your cake and eat it too.

g Never judge a book by its cover.

2 Quotation marks (" ") are used to indicate that someone is speaking. They are used at the beginning and at the end of the spoken words. Commas separate the spoken and unspoken words in a sentence. For example, *"That mule's crazy," he sneered, pointing at Skeeter. "You'll never be able to ride him properly."* Use quotation marks, question marks and commas to punctuate the following quotes.

a That was excellent said Lisa when the lesson was over. He'll be ready for the cross-country race in no time!

b It's my competition and I say she can! growled Mr Lee.

c Slow down boy! said Carmen pulling on the reins.

d I'm very proud of you too Skeeter she whispered thinking how thin and wayward he'd been only eight weeks ago. You're my best friend!