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Quick Questions

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Pupils' own responses, such as: The author uses the word 'naturally' because grazing on grass is what horses usually do in nature.

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Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that horses were used because they are powerful and fast. They could also be used to transport people and equipment.

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Pupils' own responses, such as: I learnt that horses have been used by people for thousands of years to carry out lots of useful roles.

