

### Making Excuses

Now that there were horses in the park, the neighborhood kids went riding every Saturday.	10 15
“All anyone ever talks about is horses!” said Alfred as he walked along kicking the cracks in the sidewalk.	26 34
He thought up all kinds of excuses not to ride. He sneezed a lot, and blew his nose noisily. Now, everyone knows that mothers never allow you to ride when you have a cold.	45 55 67 68
He got his finger caught in the car door, and it really hurt, but the bright side was a big bandage. You can't hold onto the reins very well with a bandage on your finger. So your friends will never ask you to go riding with them.	80 92 104 115