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Literature Comprehension for Believing in Horses

Lesson Outcome: *TLW check for understanding by paraphrasing and to infer traits, attitudes, feelings, and motives of characters.*

The dictionary definition of **paraphrase** is: (n) a rewording of the meaning expressed in something spoken or written. To paraphrase this definition one could write: Paraphrase means to say it in your own words. **NOW YOU GIVE IT A TRY!**

The dictionary definition of **infer** is: (vt=verb transitive) *to arrive at a decision or opinion by reasoning from known facts or evidence; draw as a conclusion.* (From your smile, I infer that you are pleased.)

The dictionary definition of **trait** is: (n) a distinguishing quality or characteristic, as of personality.

Paraphrase this definition: _____

The dictionary definition of **attitude** is: (n) a manner of acting, feeling, or thinking that shows one's disposition, opinion, etc.

Paraphrase this definition: _____

The dictionary definition of **feeling** is: (n) any of the subjective reactions, pleasant or unpleasant that one may have to a situation.

Paraphrase this definition: _____

The dictionary definition of **motive** is: (n) Some inner drive, impulse intention, etc. that causes a person to do something of act in a certain way; goal.

Paraphrase this definition: _____

NOW you are ready to infer these characteristics! First, read the paragraph below underlining any words or phrases you consider to be of importance.

At six feet tall, Austin inherited the best looks from both Mom and Dad - Dad's beautiful dark skin and Mom's sparkling blue eyes. His shoulders spread as wide as a barn door, and his chest looked like a bodybuilder on the cover of a muscle magazine. Austin ran, swam, lifted weights, and enjoyed all the sports and exercise activities he could do on his own. Due to his athletic build, the new schools over the years had tried to recruit him for their sports programs, but Austin preferred to work out and exercise on his own. (p12)

Paraphrase the above paragraph.
