



Rudy's Glossary for Equestrians



Rudy hopes you like his story! And he wants to help you learn some special words used in this book that relate to horses. Then, you can use them when you talk or write about horses, too!

Arena	An enclosed area where horses are ridden. Syn: Show Ring
Blaze	A mark on a horse's face made up of white hair
Champion	The best of the best at a horse show
Chestnut	A specific color of a horse, ranging from golden brown to reddish brown
Colt	A young male horse
Course	Route horses and riders follow over jumps in an arena: Syn: Track
Equestrian	A person who works with or rides horses
Equine	The Latin word for horse
Filly	A young female horse
Foal	A generic name for any young horse
Gallop	The fastest gait of a horse
Gait	Various manners of going/movement of the horse
Horse Show	Gathering of horses and riders competing in a variety of events
Jump	Man-made obstacles horses jump in a show ring or arena. Syn: Fences
Loving Cup	A top award at a horse show; shaped like a cup with two handles
Mare	A mature female horse
Obstacles	Things horses jump out in the field rather than in a show arena
Rosette	An award consisting of several ribbon streamers and a pleated top
Show Jumping	A sport in which horses and riders compete over jumps in an arena
Thoroughbred	A breed of horse known for its speed, agility, and athleticism
Track	Route horses and riders follow over jumps in an arena: Syn: Course
Trot	The intermediate, diagonal two-beat gait of a horse
Walk	The slow, even four-beat gait of a horse
Whinny	A sound a horse makes - similar to a neigh