

# A Special Bond .....

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Extract from Chapter 2 of 'War Horse' by Michael Morpurgo.

# Quick Questions

1. Draw four lines and match each word from the text to its synonym.

hazy	clumsiness
gawkishness	coaching
training	bog
marsh	misty

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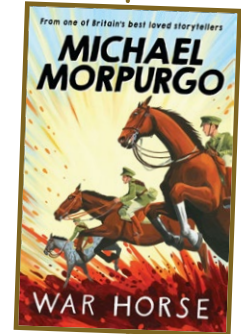
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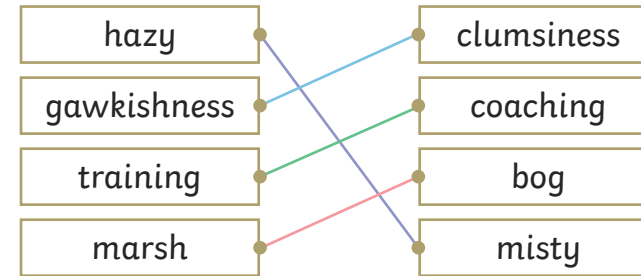
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# Answers

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**Accept any reasonable title.**

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**Pupils' own responses, such as: I know Joey is a horse because it says that Albert would 'lead' him through the field and also says he was 'trotting'.**

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**Pupils' own responses, such as: Joey and Albert have a close and trusting relationship because they grew up together and Albert spent a lot of time training Joey.**

