

## ELEMENTARY LEVEL

### L. A. Winners by Philip Prowse

#### A Before Reading

- 1 Look at the picture on the front cover and at the title of the book. Make some guesses about the story. What is it going to be about?
- 2 Read about the story on the back cover. What have you learnt about the man, Mr Samuel? What have you learnt about the woman?

#### B While Reading

- 3 Read to the end of Chapter 3. Who are these people?
  - (a) long dark hair/about twenty-five years old/had a lovely face
  - (b) about forty years old/tall and heavy/long red hair tied in pony-tail
  - (c) an old man/wearing blue overalls, a cotton shirt and a wide hat
  - (d) very tall – more than two metres – and he weighed more than one hundred and forty kilos
- 4 Read to the end of Chapter 7. Write a few sentences about these things or people. Are they important? Why/why not?
  - (a) Slim Peters
  - (b) a yellow pass and a blue pass
  - (c) a TV camera
  - (d) the red 4x4
  - (e) the cupboard in Stable 14
  - (f) Dick Gates

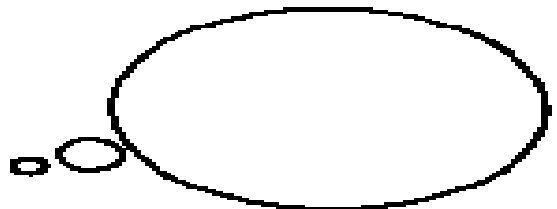
- 5 Here are some sentences from the story.

*'Mr Samuel!' said a voice. It was Sandy Bonner. 'I'm sorry, Mr Samuel. I was wrong. A horse called Golden Dragon —'*

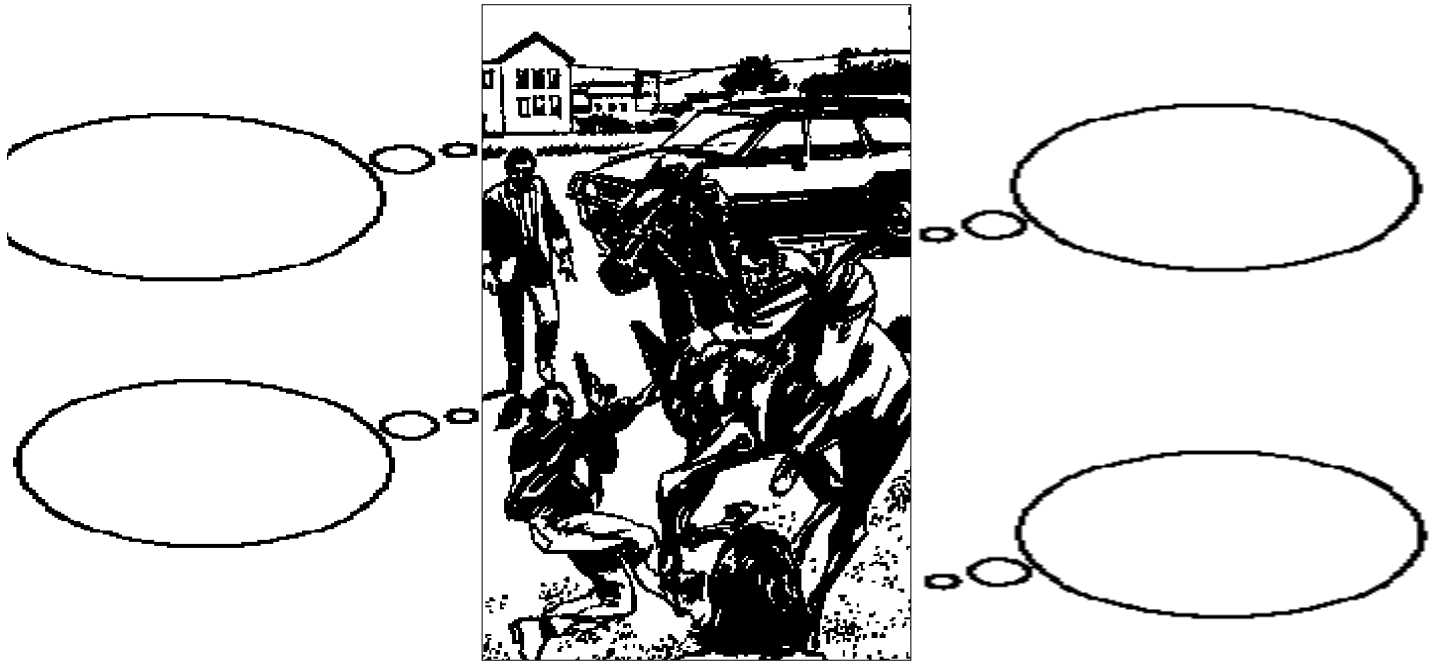
*Suddenly she stopped speaking.*

Make a guess. Why did Sandy Bonner stop speaking?

- 6 Read to the end of the story. Here are two pictures. What are these people thinking?
  - (a) Lenny (page 48)



(b) Ventanas, Lenny, Gates and Sandy (page 59)



### C After Reading

7 Explain why these amounts of money are important:

- (a) \$1000      (b) \$20      (c) \$200      (d) \$150      (e) \$50

8 Answer either (a) or (b)

- (a) Here is the *L.A. Messenger*. You are a newspaper reporter. Read the headlines. Now write your own article and make the front page. Try to write like a real reporter.

## L.A. Messenger

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### LENNY AND THE CHIEF: L.A. WINNERS

Private detective foils  
racehorse gang

*[Placeholder text for an article body]*



- (b) You are a TV or radio reporter. Write a script of your interview with Sandy and Lenny. (You can make a video or a cassette recording of the interview.)

