**“The Colt”**

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Vocabulary

homestead – a house or estate and the adjoining land, buildings

*The drove to his grandparents’ homestead.*

draught - the amount of air, smoke, etc, inhaled in one breath

*He breathed in a draught of fresh air.*

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picketed - to fasten or tether to a picket (pole, stake)

*He picketed the goat to the fencepost.*

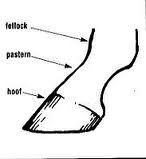
haunches - a hindquarter of an animal.

*The dog had her tail between her haunches.*



fetlock - a projection behind and above a horse's hoof

*The water in the stream was only up to the horse’s fetlocks.*

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pastern - the part of the foot of a horse, cow, etc., between the fetlock and the hoof.

*The bone between the hoof and the first joint is called the pastern.*

mongrel - a dog of mixed or indeterminate breed

*They wanted a golden retriever, but ended up with a sweet mongrel from the local animal shelter.*

mirth - amusement or laughter

*Mirth has been proven to improve your health.*

superintend - to oversee and direct

*He superintended the office building.*