Do you know what all these common riding phrases mean? Take our quiz to find out!

here are tonnes of phrases your instructor will use to describe your pony, his way of going, as well as things that happen when you're riding him, but do you know what they all mean? Have a go at our quiz to test your knowledge on these tricky riding terms!



'On the forehand' means your pony...

is good at stretching his head and neck down in walk, trot and canter

is carrying most of his weight on the front half of his body, mainly his shoulders

is working in an outline



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'Off your leg' means your pony...

is responsive to your leg aids

is refusing to listen to any leg aids

is good at jumping



'Locked on' means your pony...

has eyed up where his dinner is

is listening to your aids and you have a good rein contact

has spotted the fence you're approaching and has his ears pricked



'Behind the vertical' means your pony...

is hiding behind an upright jump

is overbent, so his nose is too close to his chest

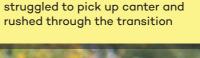
can put his head between his knees to bow



'Run out' means your pony...

opened the door of his stable and ran to his field

failed to jump a fence you presented him at, by ducking to the side struggled to pick up canter and





'Taking you forward' means your pony...

is working actively

always drags you to the field

is going really fast



'Falling out' means your pony...

'Take a flier' means your pony...

picked up a leaflet from the tack shop

'Tracking up' means your pony...

ahead of the footfalls of his front feet

only likes to be ridden on the outside

prefers to be ridden on bridlepaths

is placing his hind feet in or just

jumped out of his field

track of the arena

rather than open fields

took off early for a jump

had an argument with his friends in the field

refused a fence by running to the side

moved to the side through his shoulder because his neck was overbent to the inside



'Left behind' means you...

didn't follow the movement of your pony as he jumped a fence

weren't invited to hack out with your

fell off before your pony took off over









HOW DID YOU GET ON?

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Uh-oh - maybe you need to ask your instructor to explain things a little more clearly whenever they use these phrases. You'll learn loads more by asking questions, so don't be afraid to!

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Good try! You've got a little more work to do before being top of the class why not do some research online? There's so much helpful info out there, you've just got to look for it!

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Solid performance, well done! You clearly know loads about riding because you're a whizz when it comes to common phrases - awesome!