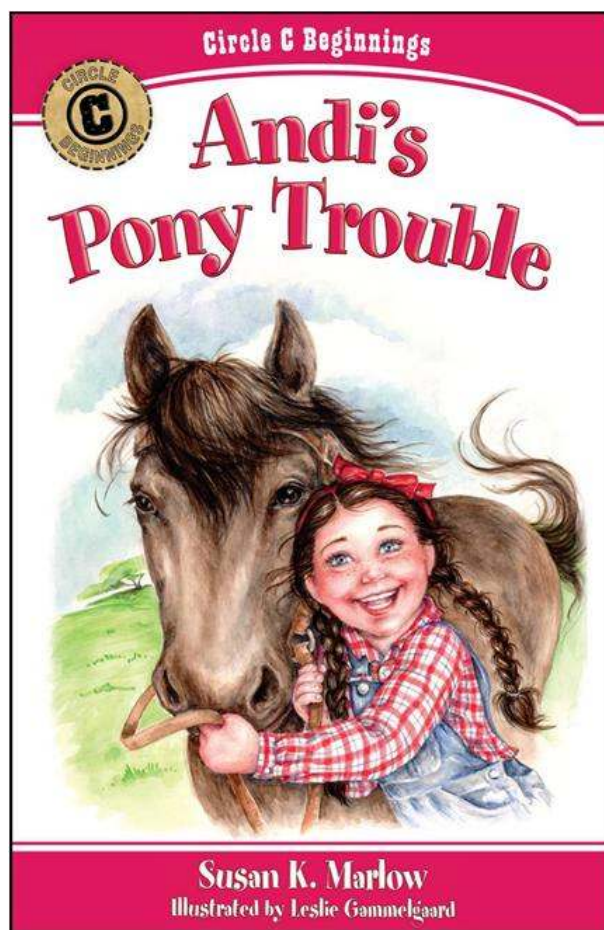


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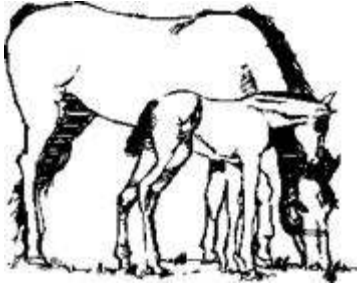
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Pony Trouble word match

Draw a line between the words and what they mean.

corral

- a baby horse

foal

- cows

howdy

- a fenced-in place to keep horses

cattle

- hi

ranch

- to run faster than a trot but slower than a gallop

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- pants

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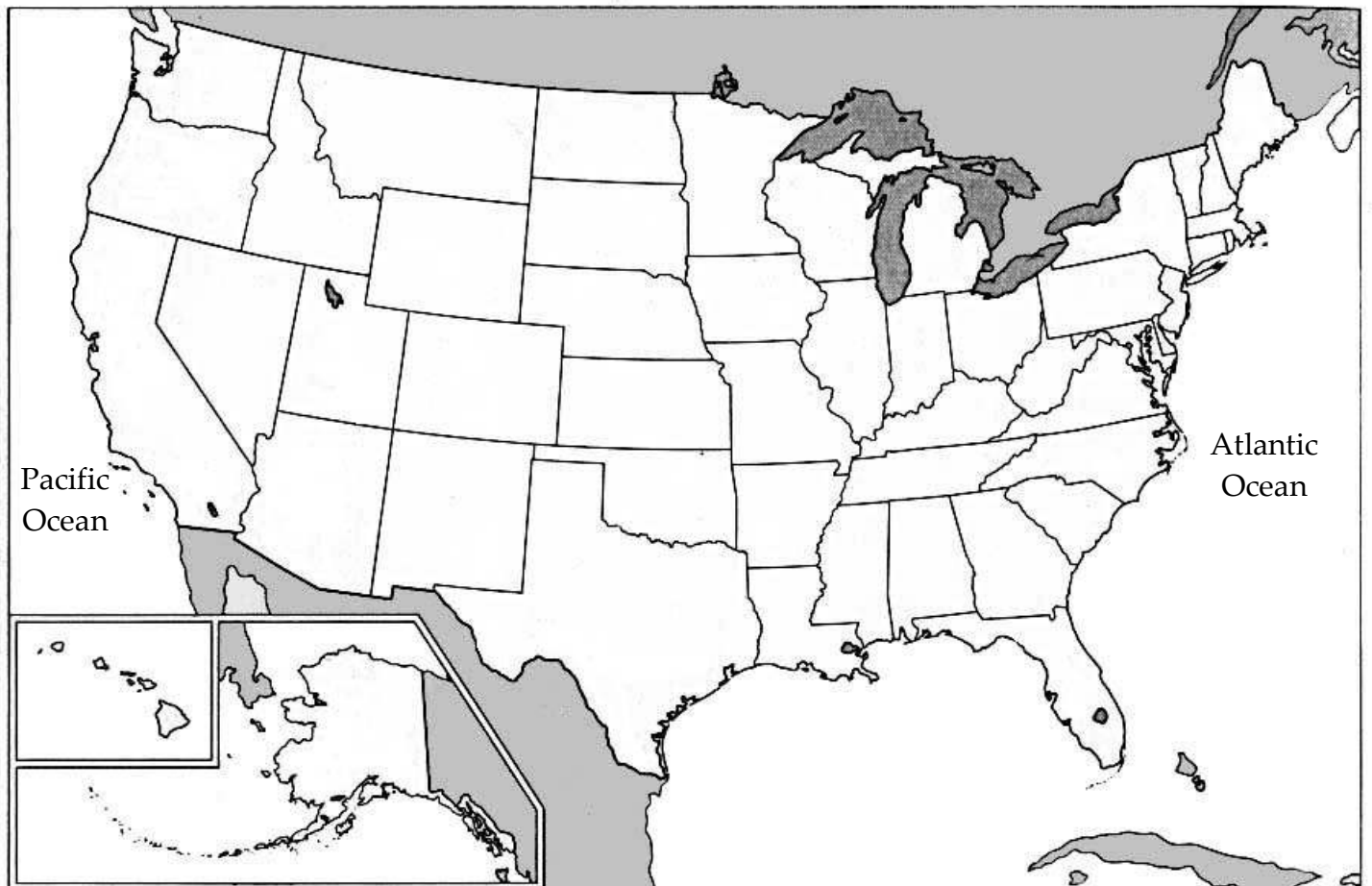
Where does Andi live?

Andi lives on a big cattle ranch in the state of California. She lives in 1874—that's *way* long ago! Look at the map of the United States. Can you find California? It is the long, narrow state right next to the Pacific Ocean.

Color California red.

What state do you live in? _____

Color your state blue, unless you live in California!



Taking care of Coco

Andi has to take care of Coco, her pony. Here are some of her chores:

- * Brush Coco
- * Give Coco water
- * Make sure Coco has hay and grain
- * Let Coco out in the pasture
- * Ride Coco for exercise
- * Check Coco's hooves for rocks and dirt
- * Clean out Coco's stall



Taking care of my pet

If you do not have a pet, think of a pet you would like to have.

Draw a picture of your pet.

My pet is a _____

My pet's name is _____

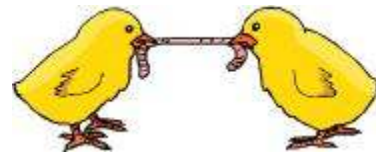
This is what I do to take care of my pet:

Egg math

Collecting the eggs is Andi's chore. Can you help her solve these math problems?

Andi collected 18 eggs. 16 eggs broke.

How many eggs were left to give to Mother? _____



25 hens, 15 baby chicks, and 1 rooster live on Andi's ranch.

How many chickens in all live on the ranch? _____



Andi's favorite hen, Miss Cluck, sat on 12 eggs.

When Andi checked the next day, 8 fluffy chicks had hatched from the eggs.

How many eggs did not hatch? _____

At breakfast, Andi ate 2 eggs, Melinda ate 1 egg, Chad ate 3 eggs, and Mitch ate 2 eggs.

How many eggs did the family eat in all? _____

Pony or horse?

A horse and a pony are different in some ways.
A pony is NOT a baby horse.

Horse

A horse is taller than 14 hands.
A horse can pull its own weight.

Pony

A pony is 14 hands or shorter.
A pony can pull twice its own weight.

You measure a pony or a horse using HANDS. Measure the horse or pony from the ground, up to his shoulders. A hand looks like this:



Measure Coco! Count the hands. This will tell you how tall Coco is.

Coco is _____ hands high (tall).

Coco is a _____ (pony or horse?)



Measuring Midnight

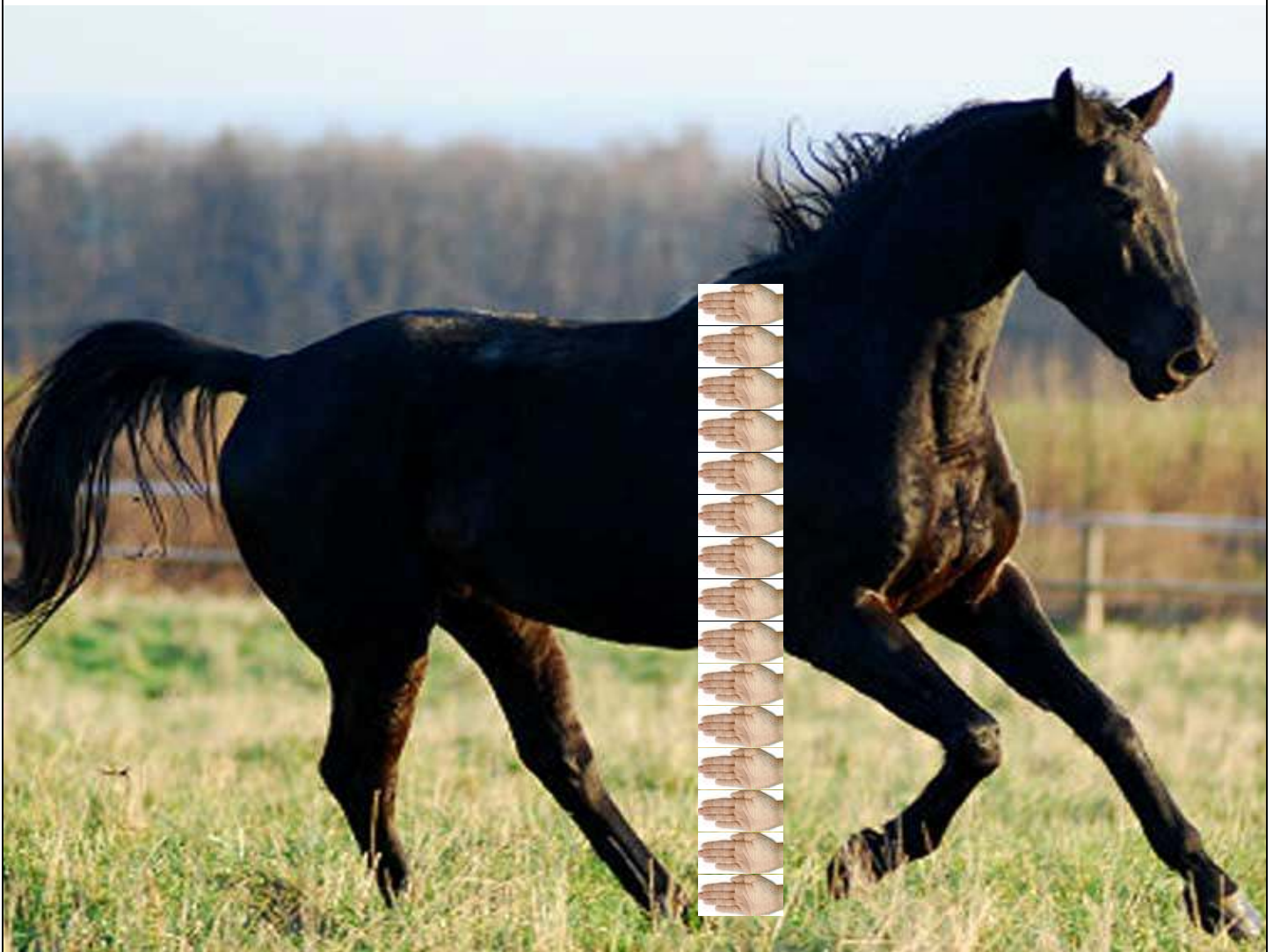
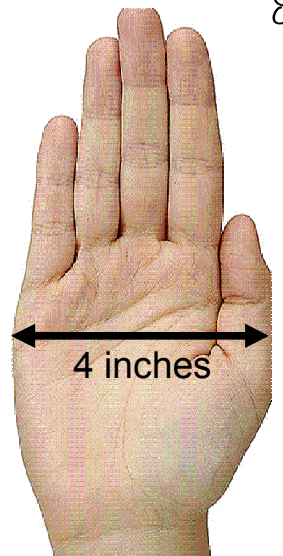
Count the hands. That will tell you how tall Midnight is.

Midnight is _____ hands high (tall).

Midnight is a _____ (pony or horse?)

Bonus: 1 hand is 4 inches wide. 2 hands is _____ inches wide.

3 hands is _____ inches wide. 4 hands is _____ inches wide.



What happens next?

Cut out the sentences and glue them in the order they happened in the story.

Andi gets Taffy for her birthday.

Andi shows her family how tall she is so she can have a horse.

Coco gets lost, and Andi looks for him.

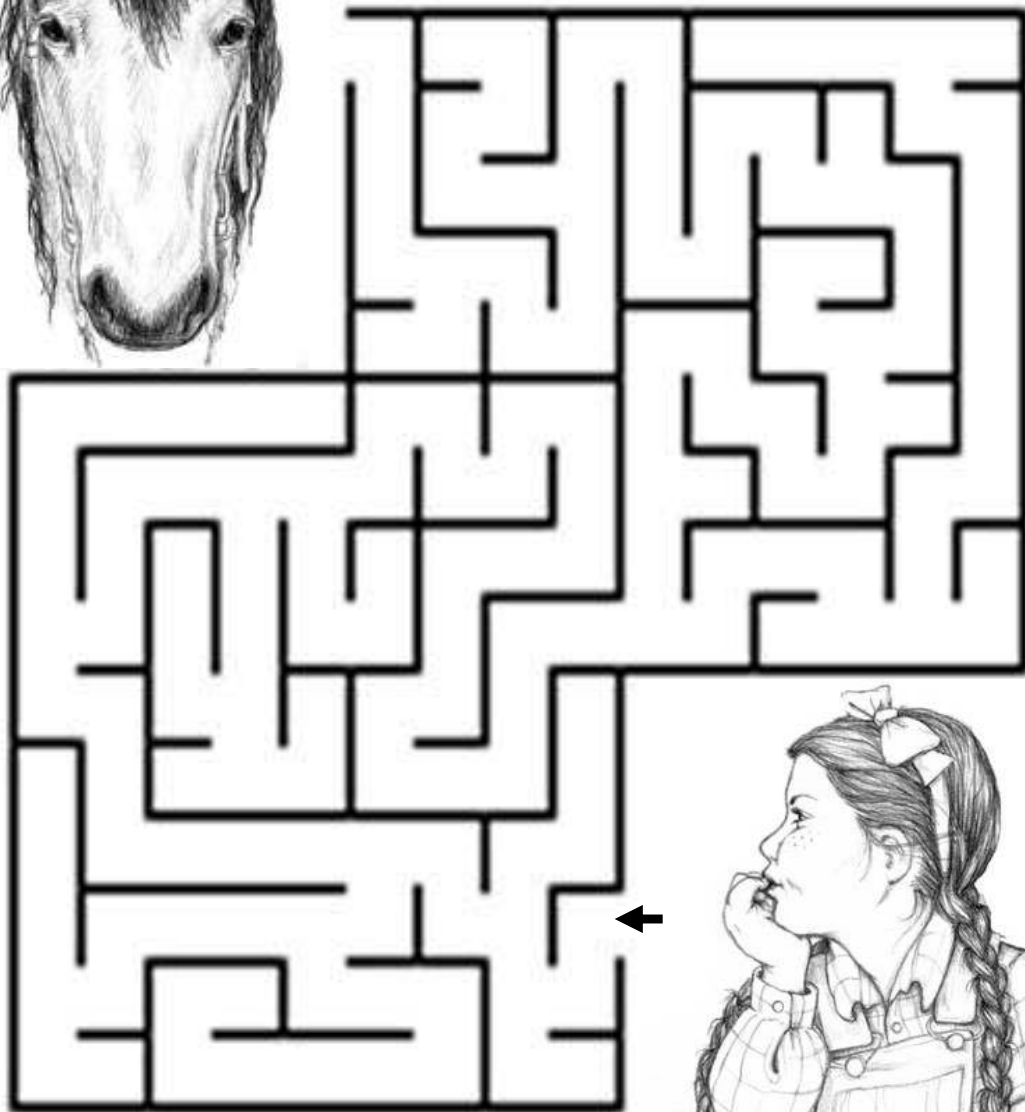
Riley scares the rooster away with a stick.

Andi and Riley go riding on Coco and Midnight.

Andi finds Coco tangled up in the bushes.

Help Andi find Coco—a maze

Coco is missing! Follow the maze from Andi to Coco. Do not cross any black lines. Stay on the path.



Skinned alive! Funny ways to talk

Have you ever heard someone say it's "raining cats and dogs"?

Has your mom told you to "bite your tongue" or "hold your horses"? Sometimes people use strange words to say something they don't really mean. These are called expressions (ex-pre-shuns).

Two expressions in *Pony Trouble* are:

"You are acting too big for your britches."

"I'm going to skin you alive!"



What do these expressions *really* mean? Can you figure them out? Try it! Draw a line between each funny expression and what it really means.

1. It's raining cats and dogs.



2. That was a piece of cake!

3. You got up on the wrong side of the bed this morning.



4. Hold your horses!

5. I smell something fishy.

6. I'm going to skin you alive!

7. Bite your tongue.

8. You are acting too big for your britches.

• You are grumpy this morning.

• We are having a loud and noisy rainstorm.

• Slow down! Not so fast!

• That was so easy!

• I think there's something strange going on around here.

• You are acting like you know everything.

• Stop talking.

• You are in so much trouble!

Andi's sugar cookies

Andi ate a sugar cookie while she sat on the fence with Midnight. Midnight liked the cookie as much as Andi did! Here is a recipe you can make with your parents or older brother or sister.

Andi's Sugar Cookies

Turn on the oven to 375 degrees. Wash your hands.

First you need:

2 sticks of soft butter (1 cup)
1/2 cup powdered sugar
1/2 cup white sugar

Do this:

Beat the sugar and butter together with a hand mixer.

Next:

1 egg
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 teaspoon almond extract

Add the egg, vanilla, and almond extract to the sugar and beat it well.

Last:

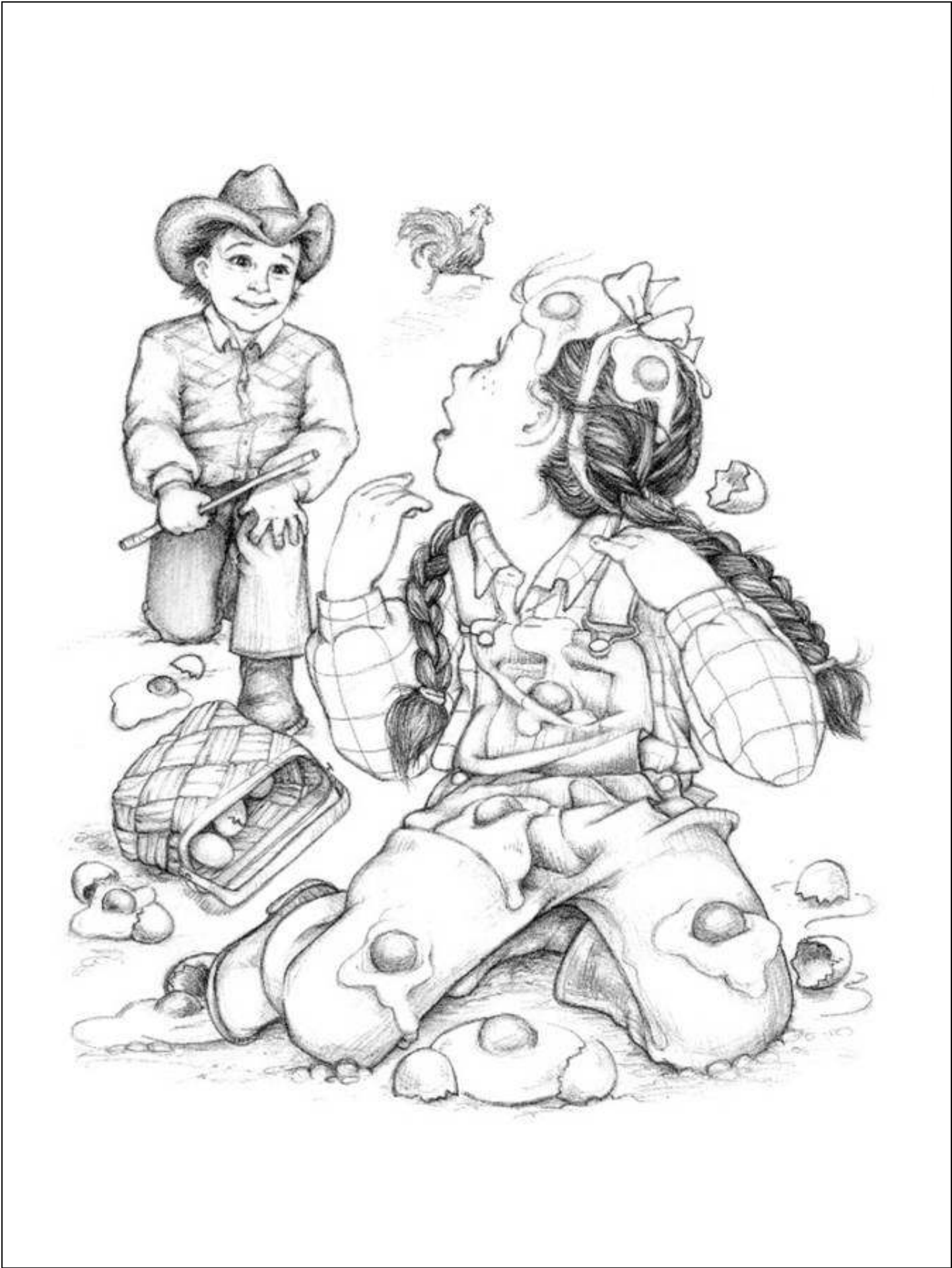
2 cups white flour
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar

Mix in the flour, soda, and cream of tartar until the dough is firm and like a big ball.

- ~ Roll the dough into small balls and put them on a cookie sheet.
- ~ Dip the bottom of a glass in sugar and press the cookie balls down a little bit.
- ~ Put the cookie sheet on the top rack in the oven.
- ~ Set the timer for 8 minutes. The cookies are done when they are light brown around the edges. Bake a minute longer if they are not done.
- ~ Use a potholder to remove the cookie sheet. Cool. Enjoy! Yum!













Page 3-Pony Trouble word match

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whinny—a sound a horse makes

roundup—when cowboys gather up the cattle to sell them.

britches—pants

coop—a place where chickens are kept

Page 7-Pony or horse?

Coco is 12 hands high.

Coco is a PONY.

Page 8-Measuring Midnight

Midnight is 15 hands high.

Midnight is a HORSE.

Bonus: 1 hand is 4 inches wide.

2 hands is 8 inches wide.

3 hands is 12 inches wide.

4 hands is 16 inches wide.

Page 6-Egg math

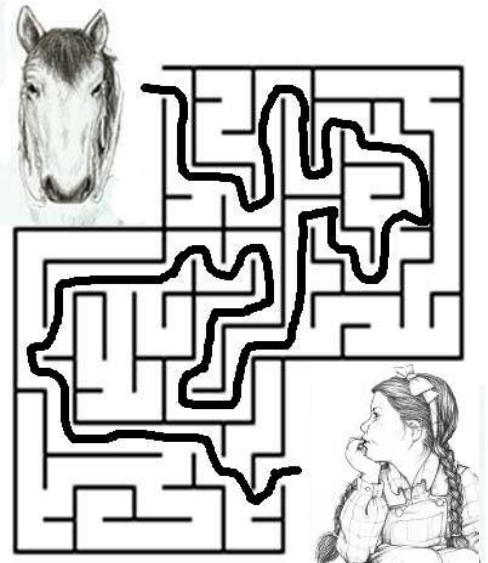
How many eggs were left to give to Mother? 2

How many chickens in all live on the ranch? 41

How many eggs did not hatch? 4

How many eggs did the family eat in all? 8

Page 11-Maze



Page 9-What happens next?

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2. Riley scares the rooster away with a stick.
3. Andi and Riley go riding on Coco and Midnight.
4. Coco gets lost, and Andi looks for him.
5. Andi finds Coco tangled up in the bushes.
6. Andi gets Taffy for her birthday.

Page 12-Skinned alive

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2. **That was a piece of cake!**—That was so easy!
3. **You got up on the wrong side of the bed this morning.**—You are grumpy this morning.
4. **Hold your horses!**—Slow down! Not so fast!
5. **I smell something fishy.**—I think there's something strange going on around here.
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