

BiggiE's BrainGame At
THE COLISEUM

The Big E BrainGain Number 7



You can find many different kinds of horses in the Coliseum's showing where horses and riders put their best foot (a hoof for a horse) – forward for the judges. Do you know how to tell how tall a horse is? Horses are measured from the ground to the top of their withers, not to the top of their head like you and I. A horse's withers are the point at the top of his or her shoulders. We measure our height in inches. Horses are measured in "hands." A "hand" is equal to four inches. So if a horse is 15 hands, he's 15 X 4 inches or 60 inches tall. Height is one way to tell if you are looking at a horse or a pony. Horses are more than 14.2 hands and ponies are 14.2 hands or under.

Find Game #7 in the Coliseum. Maybe you'll be lucky and even see a horse show.

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- A. Find the picture of the horse in the Coliseum (Look for the big, yellow "7"). How many "hands" is this horse? _____
- B. Measure yourself in inches and "hands". How many hands (tall) are you? Use the top to the bottom of your hand and have your friends and classmates help.

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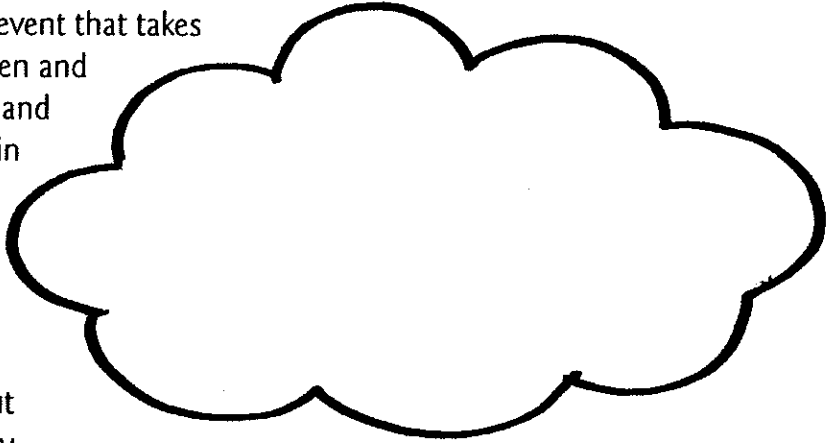
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The horse show isn't the only event that takes place in the Coliseum. The oxen and the horse pulling competitions and the sheep dog trials take place in the Coliseum too.

Oxen are a team of steers older than 4 that work together to pull a heavy load of stones (large cement blocks) on a stoneboat (a sled made out of wood and steel) continuously

for six feet. Draft horses are also used for pulling. In the horse pulling competition, a team of draft horses works together to pull the heavy stoneboat continuously for 12 feet. There are many different pulling classes for the oxen and draft horses, which are based on the weight of the oxen or horses.

The open sheep dog trials also take place in the Coliseum. The trials are a timed event in which the sheep dog has to herd sheep through a course without biting the sheep or sending the sheep the wrong way through the course. The sheep dog works with their handler to herd the sheep as quickly and safely as possible.



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What's the difference between a draft horse and a regular horse?

What do oxen wear around their necks when pulling? _____