



## Read for Meaning!

### What can you discover about the adoption donkeys?

#### STUDENT INTRODUCTION

- ▶ Some of the Sanctuary's donkeys can be adopted.
- ▶ What can you discover about some of them?
- ✓ Read the extract on page 4 and answer the questions on the following pages.

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What is the purpose of this writing?

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How many adoption Donkeys are there? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you think Scott and Oliver don't have separate paragraphs?

### 2. Word Level

Check you know and understand these words.

Scan the text for each of these words and highlight them. Try to work out what they mean.

*You may need a dictionary to help you.*

- » sanctuary
- » timid
- » companion
- » firm (*friends*)
- » distinctive (*cross markings*)
- » specialised (*care*)
- » (*gentle*) temperament
- » placid (*character*)
- » cherished
- » (*able to*) oblige
- » inseparable



### 3. Picking out the key points...

Sometimes it is easier to find information quickly when it is in a table or chart.

Your next task is to take the main points and write them into a table. The first one has been done for you.

| Name   | Appearance | Character | Other interesting facts  |
|--|------------|-----------|--|
| Archie   | Grey       | Cheeky    | He was timid at first.<br>Made many friends.<br>Loves to run around with other dogs. |
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### 3. Creating

Imagine a new donkey has arrived at the Sanctuary.

Create a data file for your new donkey by filling in the details below.

TIP: Try to use some interesting descriptive words.

| Name | Appearance | Character | Other Interesting Facts |
|------|------------|-----------|-------------------------|
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Now you need to write a paragraph about your new donkey for the leaflet.

- » Read the paragraph about Brandy or Poppy again, to give you an idea about how to write your own.
- » Think of each sentence before you write it.
- » Write your draft paragraph here:



Now you need to check it over and read it very slowly.

- ✓ Does it make sense?
- ✓ How many interesting words have you used?
- ✓ Have you used full stops and capital letters?
- ✓ Check your sentences don't all start with the same word.



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