

WHAT STARTLED THE HORSES? (FEED)

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Definitions

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| Feed: to give food to | It's time to feed the dog. |
| Feed: a food for livestock | The cow's feed was missing. |
| Feed: something essential to growth | That book will feed your imagination. |
| Feed: a material supplied | Feed the campfire with those small branches. |

Setting: The Circle K Ranch

Characters:

Narrator

Jess

Devin

Steve

Chase

Narrator: It was a hot, sultry morning at the Circle K Ranch. The six o'clock chime clanged. And it was time to get up. Slowly, the boys got ready for a hard day's work.

Jess: Today I'm going to feed myself everything in sight! How about you boys?

Devin: Me, too! After yesterday's roundup, I'm starving! Hey, where's Steve?

Chase: I bet he's already standing in line at the grub house. Come on before he feeds his face with *our* breakfast.

Narrator: Jess, Devin and Chase race across the dusty road to the breakfast counter.

Steve: I thought you guys would sleep forever. Come on over here – I saved you some seats.

Devin: What's the plan for today?

Jess: As I remember, it's cow day. We better hurry and eat. I bet those moo-moos are mighty hungry and anxious to get their feed.

Narrator: The boys finish eating then walk to the barn where they load up feed for the cows onto their truck. They drive to the cow barn and unload the feed into the troughs.

Chase: Will you look at that! Those cows can't get enough of that stuff.

Steve: Okay. That job's done. We're off for the rest of the day. What do you want to do?

Chase: How about getting out of this heat. A dip in the creek would do fine!

Jess: Okay. That creek really feeds your imagination with great ideas.

Devin: I'll go ask Maggie to put together some sandwiches and drinks to take along.

Jess: That's another great idea. What are you guys eating that feeds your minds with such know-how?

Devin: I don't know. I guess I could ask Maggie.

Narrator: The boys pack the food in their saddle bags and ride out into the cool woods. Steve's horse begins to shy at something rustling in the bushes. Suddenly, all the horses rear up and begin to gallop.

Steve: (yelling) Hey! Guys! Feed your horse a little more line so they'll calm down.

Chase: (yelling) Whoa! Whoa! Charlie-boy. Hey, Steve! What's going on?

What happened next?

Using as many definitions of feed as you can, end the play.