



A WONDERFUL RIDE.

C ECIL and Gertrude were two famous riders; they hardly ever tumbled off; they understood their horses and donkeys, and their horses and donkeys understood them, and never kicked; for the fact was, they were made of wood, and ran on wheels.

Cecil and Gertrude used to play all sorts of games with their horses.

Now, one summer's day they went simply wild with excitement, for they were going to stay at the seaside.

At last the time came, and they found themselves by the beautiful sea, and with real live donkeys on the sands. Gertrude was the first to get on a donkey's back — a very nice donkey, she thought, but rather a naughty donkey, as he turned out. Whether he had had no breakfast that morning, or whether he was greedy, I don't know. But I do know this, he ran away. Yes, ran right along the sands and along the streets with Gertrude on his back, and he never stopped till he got to his stable. Of course, Gertrude was very much frightened, and it was quite wonderful that she didn't fall off. The donkey-man wanted to beat the donkey, but Gertrude begged him not to; and I really believe Neddy understood her, for he never again attempted to run away, although Gertrude and Cecil used to ride him every day.



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Describe the two main characters.

Cecil

Gertrude

Summarize the story.

Beginning

Middle

End

Alphabetize the following ten words from the story, then find each word in the word search puzzle.

- famous 1 _____
- riders 2 _____
- horses 3 _____
- donkeys 4 _____
- excitement 5 _____
- naughty 6 _____
- greedy 7 _____
- frightened 8 _____
- attempted 9 _____
- understood 10 _____

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