英閱大視野

Police Horses in Australia

by Coach Jeff

Although the lives of people today are full of high technology devices, sometimes **traditional** ways of doing things can be most effective. In Australia, many police **departments** feel this way about police **officers** riding horses. In fact, according to Sergeant Glen Potter, "if you've got one horse, it's **like** having ten police officers!" He says that police horses are a really great way to help people.

One reason why police horses are so helpful is their **size**. Police officers on horseback can see farther than police officers standing on the ground, so horses are really **beneficial** in special situations, **like** in large crowds or when the police are **searching** for someone. **Statistics** also show that there are fewer **crimes** in neighborhoods that have officers riding horses. Additionally, because people love animals, horses help police officers make friends with people in the **community**, especially kids. "It's just wonderful," says Sergeant Potter.

澳洲警馬

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現今人們的生活雖然充滿了高科技裝置，不過有時候，傳統做事方法可能才最有效。在澳洲，許多警察機關認為騎警即是有效的傳統辦法。事實上，根據葛倫・波特警官的說法：「假如你有一匹馬，你就像擁有十位警官一樣！」他認為警馬真的是個絕佳的助人方式。

警馬如此有用的原因之一在於他們的體積。比起站在地面上的警察，馬背上的騎警能看得更遠。因此，一些特殊情況下警馬幫助很大，像是人潮擁擠時，或是當警察正搜尋某個人的時候。統計數據也顯示，騎警駐衛的社區較少發生犯罪事件。除此之外，因為人們喜歡動物，警馬能幫助警察和社區居民成為朋友，特別是和小孩。波特警官說：「警馬就是很棒！」

一、實用文法

"Like" 的兩種特別用法：(1) 描述相似的物品。(2) 舉例。

二、牛刀小試

使用單字庫的一個字完成句子。

mosquitos	horses	dolphins
alligators	spiders	kittens

1. I usually love animals, but not dangerous ones, like _____ .
2. Baby tigers are really lovable. They are like cute little _____.
3. Insects have only six legs, but arachnids, like _____, have eight legs.

閱讀能力測驗

1. What does the article mainly talk about?
   A. Police officers on horseback
   B. Police horses using high technology
   C. Children riding police horses

2. What does the word "**beneficial**" mean?
   A. large
   B. useful
   C. traditional

3. Sergeant Potter thinks police horses are a great way to help people. Why?
   A. When people see horses, they feel wonderful.
   B. Most people like traditional things, not high technology.
   C. If you have a police horse, you need fewer police officers.

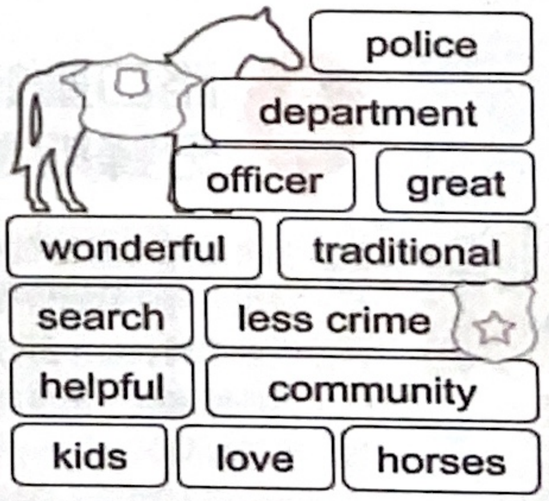
國中2000字

traditional 傳統的
department 部門
officer 官員
size 尺寸
search 搜尋
crime 犯罪

補充單字

statistics 統計數據
community 社區

Mind Maps 單字心智圖



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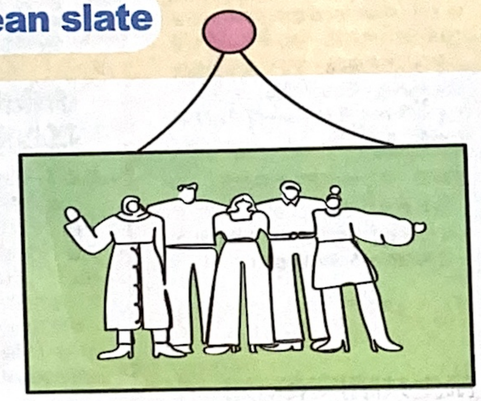
Restart
人生重開機



Starting over[1] with a clean slate



The novel Restart was written by Gordon Korman and published in 2018. The book tells the story of Chase, **a middle school** student who loses his memory after an accident. At the beginning of the story, Chase gets knocked **unconscious**[2] when he falls off a roof. When he wakes up, he can remember his name, but he doesn't remember his past or his **identity**[3].

When Chase **recovers**[4] and returns to school, he begins to learn about his own history through the **reactions**[5] of the other students. As it turns out, Chase used to be a star **athlete**[6] and a **bully**. Some people are afraid of him, some are angry with him, and some **treat him like** a hero. He finds that he doesn't really like the people who used to be his best friends.

After his accident, Chase also has a different **personality**[7]. He is no longer mean to other kids. However, everyone **expects** him **to**[8] act the same as before. It takes time for the other students to learn to trust this new **version** of their old classmate. Each chapter is **narrated** by a different character, so we get to hear every side of the story.

Translation

《人生重開機》這本小說由戈丹・柯曼撰寫並於2018年出版。此書敘述查思的故事，他是一名中學生並在一場意外發生後失去了記憶。在故事的開頭，查思從屋頂摔落時失去了意識。醒來時，他記得自己的名字，卻不記得他過去發生的事與自己的身分。

當查思康復並重返學校後，他開始透過其他學生的反應來了解自己的人生。原來，查思曾經是一名明星運動員外加一名惡霸。有些人怕他，有些人對他憤怒不已，還有些人待他如英雄般。他發現他並非真的喜歡那些曾經是他摯友的人們。

意外發生後，查思的個性也與以往截然不同。他不再對其他孩子惡言相向。然而，所有人都期望他會表現得跟往常一樣。要其他學生來學習信任這位新版的老同學需要一段時間。每一章節分別由不同角色敘述，因此我們得以聽到故事的每個面向。

Words & Phrases 單字片語
★號為全民英檢中級必背單字

1. **start over** 重新開始，從頭做起
   Jill had to start over when the cake she was making burnt.
   吉爾得重做一個蛋糕，因為她把正在做的蛋糕烤焦了。
★ 2. **unconscious** [ʌnˈkɑnʃəs] a. 昏迷的；無意識的
   The boy was knocked unconscious in the fight.
   這個男孩在打鬥中被打得不省人事。
★ 3. **identity** [aɪˈdɛntətɪ] n. 身分
   The identity of the thief is still unknown at this point.
   那名竊賊至今仍身分不明。
4. **recover** [rɪˈkʌvɚ] vi. 恢復健康
   recover from... 從……當中復原
   It took Tim several years to recover from his illness.
   提姆花了好幾年的時間才從病中康復。
★ 5. **reaction** [rɪˈækʃən] n. 反應
   I want to see my sister's reaction when I tell her the good news.
   我想看當我告訴姊姊這則好消息時她的反應如何。
★ 6. **athlete** [ˈæθlit] n. 運動員
   The athlete hurt his knee on the court.
   那名運動員在球場上傷到膝蓋。
★ 7. **personality** [ˌpɝsəˈnælətɪ] n. 個性，人格
   Everyone has noticed the change in David's personality.
   大家都注意到大衛個性上的改變。
8. **expect sb to V** 期望／預期某人從事……
   No one expected Kelly to get married to a man that was half her age.
   大家都沒預料到凱莉會跟年齡是她一半的男子結婚。

Extra Words& Phrases 補充字詞

* **a clean slate** 乾淨的白板，（喻）重新來過
* **a middle school** 中學，國中
* **bully** [ˈbulɪ] n. 霸凌者 & vt. 霸凌
* **treat sb like...** 把某人當作像……對待
* **version** [ˈvɝʒən] n. 版本
* **narrate** [nəˈret / ˈnæret] vt. 敘述

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❶ **After the incident, Linda wants to forget about _____.**
start / and / over / the past

❷ **Jason still hasn't fully _____.**
the / from / recovered / flu

❸ **The boss _____ the task by the end of the day.**
Bill / to / expected / finish

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