

# Answers

1. Why was the master as kind to the horses as he was 'to his little children'?  
**The master was as kind to the horses as he was 'to his little children' because he gave them good food, good lodging, and kind words.**
2. Why do you think the foal and his mother were the master's favourites?  
**I think the foal and his mother were the master's favourites because he brought them treats to eat and took Duchess to town with him when he needed horse to pull the trap. He also had pet names for them 'Pet' for Duchess and 'Dusky' for the foal.**
3. Why did Dick think it was fun to throw berries and stones at the horses?  
**Dick may have been bored or had never been taught to respect animals. He may have wanted to see a reaction when the horses and foals were hit by the things he was throwing.**
4. If the master didn't think it was right to hurt the horses, was he right to hurt Dick? Why do you think that?  
**Dick wanted to hurt the horses for fun, but the master was cross with Dick and wanted to teach him a lesson so he deserved to get 'a box on the ear' as a taste of his own medicine.**
5. What was the money for that the master gave to Dick?  
**The money that Dick was given was wages from the master. Once he had been paid for the work he had done, the master wouldn't owe him anything.**