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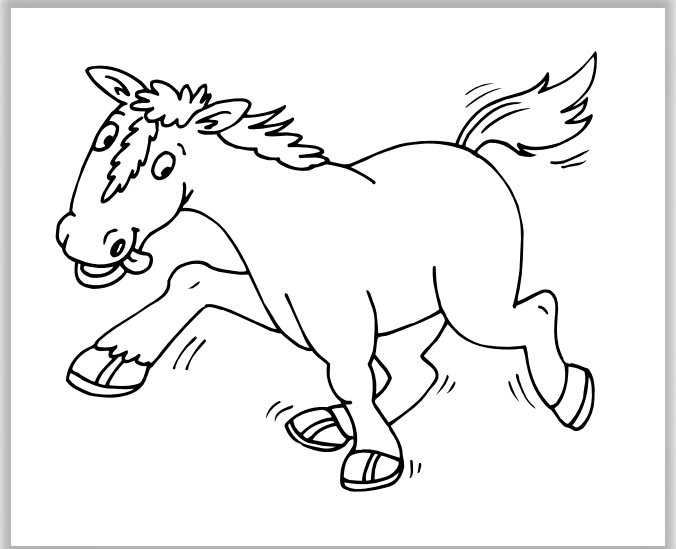
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“Quit horsing around!”

“Please set the table while I finish making supper,” Mr. Chung instructed Lin and Sam. Sam spread a tablecloth on the small dining table and got the knives, forks, spoons, and napkins. “You get the plates and glasses,” he told Lin.

“Okay!” Lin replied as she skipped to the cupboard. She opened the door and reached for the dinnerware. Grinning, Lin balanced the plates on her head, and then began juggling the drinking glasses.

“Quit horsing around!” yelled Sam. “You’ll break something!”



◆ Sam really meant that _____

“It’ll knock your socks off!”

Aunt Harriet was making chili. “I like it spicy. I’ll add extra chili powder,” she decided. Then she went out to the library.

Gloria came home. “M-m-m, chili!” she sighed. “I like it spicy. I’ll add extra chili powder.” Then she went into her room to start on her homework.

Allen came home. “Yum! Chili!” he said. Then he tasted a spoonful. His eyes widened, and he ran to the sink for a glass of water.

Just then there was a knock on the door. It was Allen’s friend Donald. “Hey, Donald, do you want to stay for supper?” asked Allen. “We’re having chili. It’ll knock your socks off!”



Allen really meant that _____
