



REAL WORLD ADVENTURES



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What Is Show Jumping?

Show jumping is a sport with a horse and a rider. The horse jumps over fences in a set space. The rider helps the horse know where to go. The aim is to jump all fences fast and clean. Clean means no poles fall down.



The Rider

The rider sits on the horse. The rider must stay still and calm. They use their legs, hands and voice. The rider wears a hat, boots and a jacket. The rider must help the horse feel safe.



The Horse

The horse is the star of the show. Horses are strong and fast. They must be brave to jump. Horses need lots of care and love. A good horse likes to work with people.



Looking After the Horse

Horses need to be brushed. They need clean water and food. Their feet must be picked out. They wear shoes on their feet. Looking after a horse takes time.



The Jumps

The fences are called jumps. Some jumps are high. Some jumps are wide. The jumps can be in bright colours. The horse must jump all the fences.



The Course

The fences are in a set order. The rider must learn the way. The horse and rider must follow the course. They need to go the right way and not stop. If they do well, they get a clear round.



Time and Faults

The rider must go fast. But they must not knock a pole. If a pole falls, they get faults. If they are too slow, they get faults.

The rider wants no faults and a fast time.



The Winners

The rider and horse with the best round can win. They may get a rosette or a cup. The horse and rider are a team. Win or not, they work hard. It is fun to take part.



Training

To jump well, horse and rider train a lot. They learn to walk, trot and canter. They jump small jumps first. They get better with time. Practice helps them be strong and smart.



Staying Safe

Safety is very important. The rider must wear a hat. They may wear a body protector. The horse wears boots to help its legs. The rider must listen to the rules.



Big Events

Show jumping can be in small or big shows. Some shows are very famous. Many people come to watch. Riders may jump for their country. It can be a big day for horse and rider.



Why People Love Show Jumping

Show jumping is fun. You can make new friends. You can work with a horse you love. You can learn new things. You can feel proud of what you do.



Show Jumping Quiz

What does the horse jump over?

Who sits on the horse?

What must the rider wear on their head?

What are the fences called?

What does “clear round” mean?

What happens if a pole falls down?

What can the rider win?

What must horse and rider do to get better?

Why is safety important?

Why do people love show jumping?



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