

Equine F.A.Q. for Kids

MY NAME: _____

MY AGE: _____



WHAT DOES "EQUINE" MEAN?

noun: a horse; *adjective:* of, relating to, or resembling a horse

The word "equine" has the same root as the word "equitation," which is the art of riding a horse. An **equine veterinarian** is a horse doctor, and an **equine medical center** or **clinic** is a horse hospital.

WHAT'S THE RIGHT WORD?

- Any baby horse
- Baby girl horse
- Baby boy horse
- Mother horse
- Father horse
- Adult female horse
- Adult male horse
- Neutered male horse

- Stallion**
- Filly**
- Gelding**
- Sire**
- Foal**
- Mare**
- Colt**
- Dam**

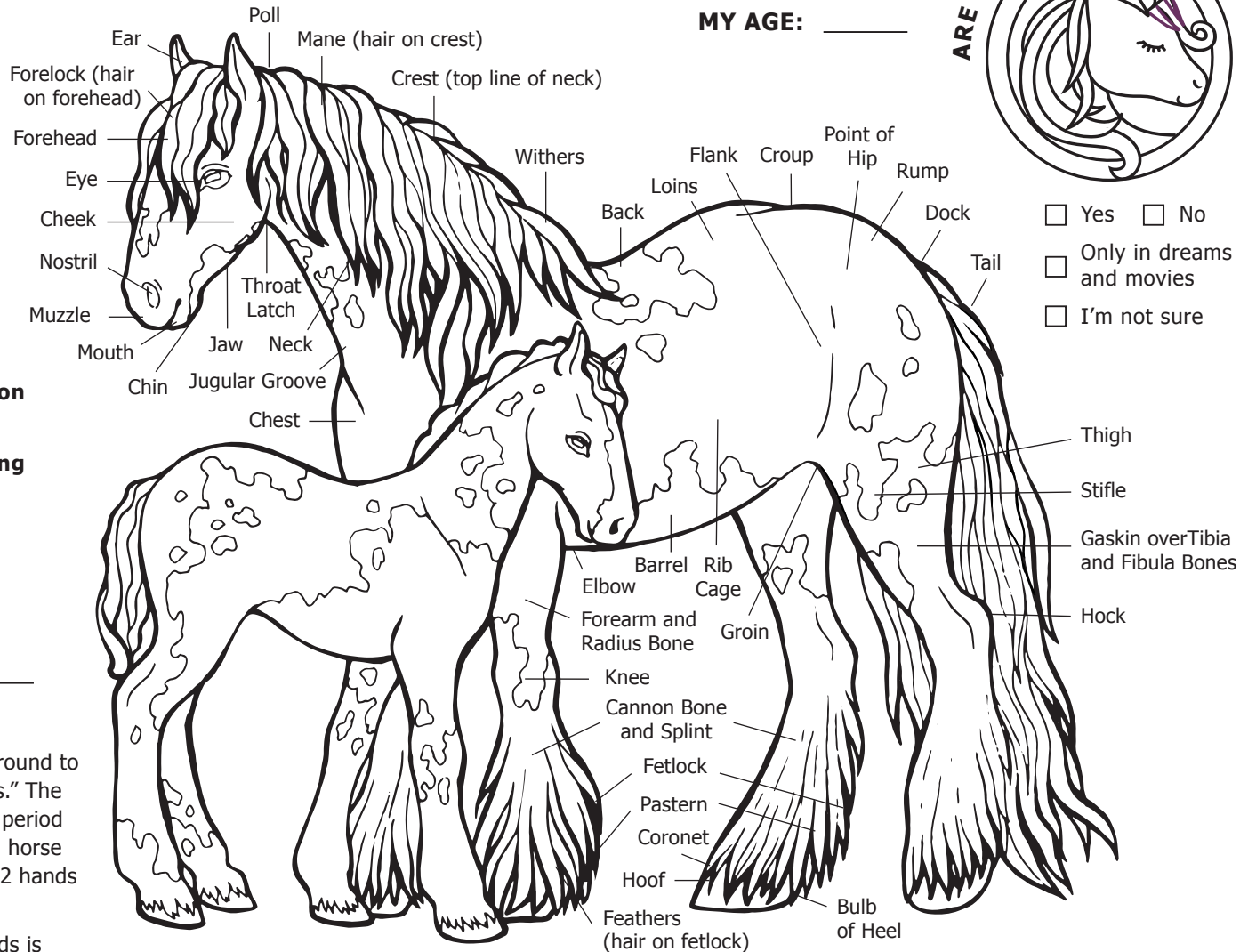
HOW TALL IS THAT HORSE?

A horse's height is measured from the ground to the withers, in 4-inch units called "hands." The number of whole hands is followed by a period and the remaining height in inches. So a horse who measures 5 feet and 2 inches is 15.2 hands ($1' = 12''$ so $5' = 60'' \div 4 = 15$ hands).

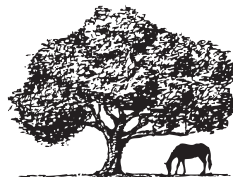
Any horse measuring less than 14.2 hands is a pony. Samson, born in 1846, was the tallest horse ever, at 21.2 1/2 hands. Can you figure

out how much that is in feet and inches?

My answer: _____



- Yes No
- Only in dreams and movies
- I'm not sure



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