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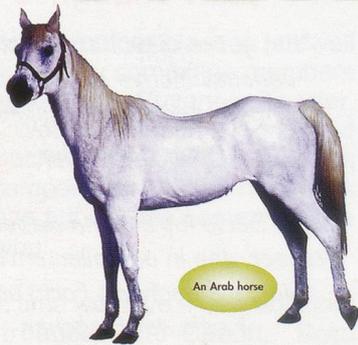
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Hello Children



Horses first evolved in North America, and spread to Asia across the land bridge that once connected Alaska and Siberia. From there horses spread as far as Europe. For some unknown reason, horses died out in America between 8,000 and 10,000 years ago. When the first Europeans explored this new continent they reintroduced the horse, which was by then completely unknown to the native American Indians. A tarpan was a wild horse that lived in the forests of Europe and on the vast prairies of Russia. The tarpan has been extinct since the 19th century. The strong Arabian horse is noted for its endurance. Arabs developed this breed for use in the desert. For hundreds of years, breeders in many countries have brought these horses from Arabia and used them to develop new breeds.

FACT FILE

A zebra is a striped member of the horse family. There are three species - the common zebra, Grevy's zebra, and the mountain zebra. They live in herds in the deserts and grasslands of eastern and southern Africa.



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