

¹**horse** /'hoʊs/ *noun, pl hors-es*

1 [*count*] : a large animal that is used for riding and for carrying and pulling things ▪ **ride/mount a horse** — often used before another noun ▪ **a horse farm** ▪ **horse people** [=people who raise or have a special interest in horses] — compare COLT, FILLY, FOAL, GELDING, MARE, PONY, STALLION; see also QUARTER HORSE, RACEHORSE, WORKHORSE

2 [*count*] **a** : a frame used to support a piece of wood while it is being cut with a saw : SAWHORSE **b** : a large piece of equipment used in gymnastics : POMMEL HORSE

3 horses [*plural*] *informal* **a** *US* : HORSEPOWER ▪ **a car with 275 horses** **b the horses** : horse races ▪ **He lost a lot of money on the horses.**

4 [*count*] *US, informal* : an athlete who is strong and who helps a team to win — usually plural ▪ **a team with the horses to win the pennant** [=a team with the good players needed to win the pennant]

a horse of a different color *chiefly US, informal* : a very different thing or issue ▪ **That's what we'll do when he gets here. But if he doesn't show up . . . well, that's a horse of a different color.**

