

The Pony Express

What was the Pony Express?

Do you think being a mail carrier is **dangerous** and **daring**? Well, it was in the early days in the USA when there were no airplanes or trains to carry the mail.

In the 1860s - over a hundred fifty years ago - the mail was taken out West by the Pony Express. Daring, brave riders sped across the country on horseback, riding day and night. They had to ride through lonely, dangerous places and face all kinds of weather. Sometimes they were attacked by people or animals, or by robbers who wanted to steal the mail.

Stations were set up along the **route**. There a rider could quickly change to a new horse. Sometimes a new rider and horse took over. There was never a moment's **delay**. As soon as the change had been made the mail was on its way again.

The text is about ____

True or False

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| 1. _____ | 2. _____ | 3. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 5. _____ | 6. _____ |

Put the sentences in the correct order.

- _____ The mail was on its way again.
- _____ There were no airplanes or trains to carry the mail.
- _____ There were stations set up along the route.
- _____ Daring and brave riders rode quickly across the country.

Match the words with their meanings.

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| ___ 1. dangerous | a. places to stop |
| ___ 2. daring | b. not safe |
| ___ 3. stations | c. brave |
| ___ 4. route | d. wait, put off |
| ___ 5. delay | e. the path one follows |