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Mustangs

What is a mustang?

Horses have played a very **important** part in American history. But there were no horses in this country until the Spanish brought them here about 400 years ago. These horses came to be called mustangs.

Native Americans found the mustangs in the western part of the country. They had run away from their owners and were **roaming** free. They had become tough and strong living in the **wilderness**, and were very fast. They were about the size of a pony and were very beautiful with their long, **flowing** manes and tails.

Native Americans looked after the mustangs well. They rode them to hunt, to get around, and just to enjoy the ride.

There are still **herds** of wild mustangs roaming free. Some are rounded up each year. They are then sold to be trained for some lucky person to ride.

The text is about ____

True or False

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

Put the sentences in the correct order.

- _____ Native Americans took care of the mustangs.
_____ They had run away and were roaming free.
_____ Horses have played a very important part in our history.
_____ They are then sold to be trained for some lucky person to ride..

Match the words with their meanings.

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| ___ 1. herds | a. going from place to place |
| ___ 2. roaming | b. groups of animals |
| ___ 3. wilderness | c. of great value |
| ___ 4. flowing | d. hanging loose and waving |
| ___ 5. important | e. a wild place with no one living in it |