

## A Tale of Two Donkeys

**Approach:** Station

**Level:** Year 8

**Resources:** Title page and 6 picture pages, (in order shown at right), stapler.

### Questions/instructions

There are 6 pictures that tell a story and a title page.

Imagine that you are writing a book for a young person to really enjoy.

1. Put the pictures into an order that tells a story.
2. Put a page number on each picture to show the order.
3. Write the story in the spaces under the pictures.
4. When you have finished, put the pages in order with the title page on top, and staple them together.

**Text related to picture:** always 89  
sometimes 9  
rarely/never 2

**Logical flow:** excellent 54  
very good 34  
good 10  
poor 2

**Plot development:** excellent 47  
very good 39  
good 11  
poor 3

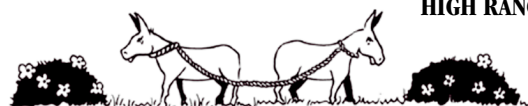
**Interest: eg. humour, tragedy, moral**  
very high 32  
quite high 49  
some 15  
little or none 4

**OVERALL SCORE:**  
9-11 59  
6-8 29  
3-5 10  
0-2 2

% responses  
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### A tale of TWO Donkeys

HIGH RANGE



Page 1

once upon a time there were two donkey's who had never meet but they were tied together. They both wanted to eat off the bushes but the rope wasn't long enough.



Page 2

They both really wanted to eat but they just couldn't reach so they just pulled.



Page 3

and pulled hoping that the rope would stretch but it wouldn't. The donkeys just gave up and fell in a big heap.



Page 4

because they couldn't reach the donkey just sat and introduced each ather propely and tried to think of a way to eat?



Page 5

Then one suddenly clicked and said "now that were friends why don't we just stand next to each ather and take turns"so they did,

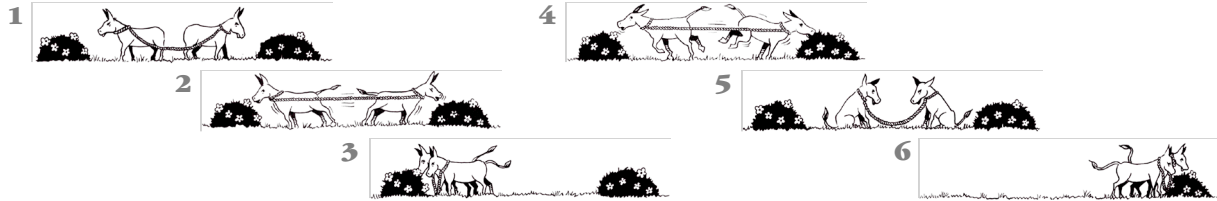


Page 6

They decided they'd eaten all they could from the other bush so they moved to the next and carried on all day.  
The End

### Commentary

Only twelve percent of year 8 students did not manage quite a good story. Fifty-nine percent produced a very good story, about 20 percent more than year 4 students achieved on the simpler parallel task, *Birthday Story*.



### A Tale of two Donkeys.

1 There was once a story about two donkeys. they were great friends and had heaps of fun together But been together all the time and having to share the same rope sometimes made them fight.



2 One day, the fight got really bad and it was only over which bush to eat for dinner. One donkey went one way and the other donkey went the other way.



3 They both pulled and pulled to get to the bushes. The rope got pulled so much it hurt there neck and it just about broke there rope.



4 So the donkeys said sorry to each other. and one said to the other I will come to your bush to eat my dinner if you will join me and my bush afterward and have some dersset.



5 So they did that and had there dinner at one bush and dersset at the other.



6 The donkeys then said to each other lets never fight again and they didn't.



### MID RANGE

#### Left and Right

1 Once upon a time there lived to donkey left and right they had got tied up together. On both side were two nice yummy flowers.



2 they both stood up and walked away to wards the plant but the had forgot they were tied up together



3 they pulled and pulled but stell in the same place and they tried again and again.



4 they tried to brack free but it didn't work so as they say try try again.



5 then they finally thought to go together to one bush and eat and they thought it was yummy.



6 When the other bush was gone they started on the other bush and the were happy as can be.



### The Two Donkeys

1 Once upon atime there were two donkeys that were tied together.



2 They were very hungry and wanted to eat somthing.



3 But they couldn't eat the bush because it was to far away.



4 They pulled and pulled until they gave in.



5 Then they both decided to eat the same bush together.



6 once they finished that they ate the second one.

