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	Animal Language (Prose)	Notebook



# **Doctor Dolittle Learns Animal Language**

A Story of an Animal-Doctor

-By Hugh Lofting

#### **Know the Author:**



children's book in 1923.

Hugh Lofting (1886-1947) was a British writer, most famous for creating the character of Doctor Dolittle. Lofting started writing about the good doctor of Puddleby-on-the-Marsh in the illustrated letters that he sent his children from the battlefield during the First World War. Lofting's 'The Voyages of Doctor Dolittle', published in 1922, won the Newbery Medal as the best

## A1. Answer these questions:

- 1. Who was Doctor Dolitle? What was he fond of?
- 2. Who was Sarah Dolittle?
- 3. Why did Doctor Dolittle's patients stop going to him?
- 4. What did the Cat's-meat-Man advise Doctor h Dolittle to do?
- 5. Who was Polynesia? How did she help Doctor Dolittle?
- 6. What was wrong with the plough-horse? Why couldn't the previous doctor cure him.

## A2. Answer these questions with reference to the context:

- 1. "You can make a lot of money doctoring animals."
- a) Who said this and to whom?
- b) Why did the speaker say this?
- 2. 'Did you know that animals can talk?'
- a) Who said this and to whom?
- b) What did the speaker do after saying this?

- 3. 'But that stupid man over the hill never even looked at my eyes.' He kept on giving me big pills.'
- a) Who said this and to whom?
- b) Who was the 'silly man over the hill?
- c) What did the man do?

#### A3. Think and Answer:

- 1. Doctor Dolittle lost almost all his patients because of the animals in his house. Even then, he kept getting more and more pets. What does this tell you about him?
- 2. '.. it takes a much cleverer man to be a really good animal-doctor than it does to be a good people's doctor.' Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer.

## A4. Criss-Cross Puzzle

#### Use the clues to fill in the words below.

Words can go across or down. Letters are shared when the words intersect.

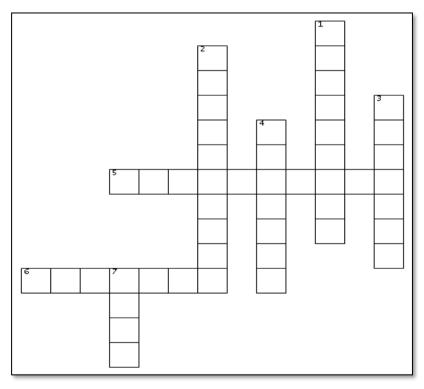


#### **ACROSS**

- 5. A CONDITION THAT MAKES ONE'S JOINTS AND MUSCLES STIFF AND PAINFUL
- 6. A KIND OF DISEASE THAT AFFECTS HORSES MAKING THEM LAME

#### **DOWN**

- 1. TREATING WITH MEDICINE
- 2. SILLY AND UNREASONABLE
- 3. COMPLAIN
- 4. A THIN DRY BISCUIT THAT IS OFTEN EATEN WITH CHEESE
- 7. ANIMAL-DOCTORS



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