

Answers

1. Apart from a foal, who else could the animal be in paragraph one? How can you tell?
The animal could be a rabbit, a fox, an otter or a badger. Any animal that lives in a wood or a field or by the water could live in this place because the fields and woods and pond are all described in this part of the text.
2. How do you think the foal felt about its life with his mother in paragraph two?
I think the foal loved being with his mother because the text describes how close the foal liked to be; 'I ran by her side, and at night I lay down close by her'.
3. Why did the foal's mother go out to work once the foal could eat grass?
If the foal was feeding from his mother's milk, they would have to be close by each other so it would be really difficult for her to do any work away from her foal. The foal's mother could go to work now because the foal could look after itself.
4. What sort of work did the mother do?
I think the horse might have gone riding or pulled a carriage for her master.
5. Why weren't the carthorse colts taught any manners?
The carthorse colts may not have their mothers close to them so haven't been taught manners and to be kind and polite like the foal has learned from Duchess. The foal's grandmother was a racehorse and these horses are expected to behave better.