



Squire Gordon's Park skirted the village of Birtwick. It was entered by a large iron gate, at which stood the first lodge, and then you trotted along on a smooth road between clumps of large old trees; then another lodge and another gate which brought you to the house and the gardens. Beyond this lay the home paddock, the old orchard, and the stables. There was accommodation for many horses and carriages, but I need only describe the stable into which I was taken. This was very roomy, with four good stalls. A large swinging window opened into the yard, which made it pleasant and airy.

Black Beauty by Anna Sewell

1. a. Take the literature passage from dictation. Proofread, looking for any spelling or punctuation errors.
- b. Make a spelling list to study this week or use the following suggested list: lodge, trotted, accommodation, carriages.

If a word has a soft /g/ sound following a single short vowel, the /g/ sound is often spelled **dge**.

Spelling Tip

Words with a soft /g/ sound preceded by a single short vowel will often be spelled with **dge**.

Write the following words, and underline **dge**. Say the words aloud as you write them.

lodge	dodge	ledge
fudge	badger	ridge
midget	fridge	

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Several publications are available for your choice.

Teacher's Note: As your student completes this lesson, choose skills from the *Review Activities* that he needs. The *Review Activities* follow this lesson.

Anna Sewell (1820-1878) was born into a strict Quaker home where she was educated by her mother and father. At the age of 14, she was injured in a fall and left a cripple for the rest of her life. During the final days of her illness, she was confined to her home and began to write *Black Beauty*, her only book. Her reason for writing the book: "Perhaps it might make men a little kinder to their faithful horses." *Black Beauty* was published in 1877, and Anna lived just long enough to hear of its success.