**The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse:**

 **Characters**

**1. Aram – a nine year old Armenian boy belonging to Garoghlanian tribe.**

**2. Mourad – an Armenian boy of 13 belonging to Garoghlanian tribe, cousin of Aram.**

**3. Uncle Khosrove– Aram’s uncle, a crazy person with a powerful head.**

**4. John Byro – a farmer**

**5. Narrator’s mother**

 **VOCABULARY MEANINGS**

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1. **Imaginable – that one can imagine**
2. **Magnificence – grandeur, splendor,**
3. **Considered – thought to be**
4. **Mysterious – that cannot be explained.**
5. **Crazy – very enthusiastic, with strange habits**
6. **Tapping – hitting gently**
7. **Stuck out – projected,  Armenian–the language spoken by the people of Armenia,**
8. **Make it quiet – hurry up,**
9. **Alive – lively, full of life.**
10. **Longings – desires, wishes**
11. **Tribe – community,**
12. **Poverty –stricken – extremely poor**
13. **Amazing – surprising,**
14. **Comical – funny**
15. **Bellies – stomach,**
16. **Take advantage of – deceive anybody**
17. **Consequently – as a result, hence, Stared–looked,**
18. **Pious stillness – holy silence,**
19. **Humour – the element of laughter**
20. **Frightened – scared, terrified,**

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1. **Hurry – make haste, be quick**
2. **Leapt up – jumped,**
3. **Edge – outer fringe**
4. **Country – rural**
5. **Vineyards – grapes gardens,**
6. **Orchards – fruit garden**
7. **Ditches – deep pits,**
8. **Trot – walk in a steady manner,**
9. **Craziest – most eccentric,**
10. **Roar – sing in a loud voice,**
11. **Streak – trace or touch**
12. **Descendant – offspring,**
13. **Enormous – big-bodied, fat,**
14. **Furious – full of anger,**
15. **Temper – nature**
16. **Irritable – easily angered,**
17. **Impatient – rash, restless,**
18. **Roaring – shouting,**
19. **Trimmed – being set and cut,**
20. **Practical – sensible**
21. **Capricious – whimsical,**
22. **Vagrant – wandering soul,**

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**43. Have a way with – know how to control, understanding with,**

**44. Vazire – the nickname given to the horse,**

**45. Snorted – let out breath with force from the nostrils,**

**46. Burst into a fury of speed – started racing very fast**

**47. Awful – terrible**

**48. Reared – raised its hind part,**

**49. Be kindly – treat the horse gently,**

**50. Come upon – meet by chance,**

**51. Hide – keep secretly,**

**52. Dawned on me – became clear to me,**

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**53. Barn – place for storing grain,**

**54. Deserted – lonely,**

**55. Alfalfa – a kind of grass,**

**56. Behave – conduct,**

**57. Understanding – fact, agreement,**

**58. Parlour – sitting room.**

**59. Irritated – angry,**

**60. Surrey – light four-wheeled horse-drawn carriage,**

**61. Spit on– hate,give no importance to,**

**62. Stalked out of – walked out with proud steps,**

**63. Slamming – closing or shutting noisily,**

**64. Repair – give first aid to**

**65. Robin – a bird, small red-breasted,**

**66. Nevertheless – still,**

**67. Ran into – met unexpectedly,**

**68. Studied – examined,**

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**69. Twin - born together**

**70. Suspicious – full of mistrust,**

**71. Patted – thumped gently,**

**1. Give a brief account of Mourad’s adventure with the white home.**

**Ans.** Mourad was a daredevil crazy boy. He was fond of horse riding. So, he stole the beautiful white horse of John Byro from his vineyard. He hid it in a deserted barn and enjoyed the ride every morning. One morning, he invited his cousin Aram also to share the joy. He had a way with the wild horse. Aram hesitated because it was a stolen horse. Yet he joined his cousin and enjoyed the ride. Mourad rode alone as well. He sang and roared with joy. He let the horse run across a field of dry grass to an irrigation ditch. He returned five minutes later. He warned Aram not to ride alone because the horse was quite wild.

**2. Compare and contrast the characters of Mourad and Aram.**

**Ans.** Mourad and Aram were cousins and belonged to Garoghlanian tribe which was known for its honesty. Mourad was thirteen and Aram was nine years old. Both longed to ride a horse. But their family was too poor to buy a horse. Both were adventure-loving. Both knew that their family was well known for honesty and right conduct. But Mourad could not help stealing John Byro’s horse. While he had a streak of craziness, Aram was honest and simple-hearted. Mourad was more talented and bolder than Aram. He domesticated the wild horse of John Byro. He repaired the injured wing of a robin bird; he knew how to deal with a horse, and how to soothe a dog. Comparatively, Aram was timid and obedient. Mourad could easily lie to John Byro about the horse. Aram could never do it.

**3. Bring out some of the notable traits of Mourad’s character.**

**4. The narrator’s uncle Khosrove was known to be a crazy fellow. Give a few instances of his craziness.**