Story: The Surprise Named Winston

Maya loved horses.

Maya loved horses more than anything else.

Well, that's not true.

Maya loved her mom more than horses.

She loved her stepmom and dad more than horses. She loved her baby sisters and grandpa more than horses.

Maya wished she had a horse named Winston.

Maya wished she had a horse named Winston more than anything else.

Well, that's not true.

Maya wished more that her mom, stepmom, dad, baby sisters, grandpa **and her horse named Winston** lived in the same house.

The house would be crowded.

But everyone would fit if Winston put his head out the window.

"A surprise for you!" Maya's stepmom called.

A surprise!

Maya imagined the surprise was Winston!

But no Winston.

Just grandpa.

With something furry in his arms.

A rabbit.

Maya didn't want a rabbit.

Maya wanted a horse.

The rabbit twitched its nose and ears.

Horses twitch their nose and ears.

The rabbit nibbled a piece of grass and nuzzled into Maya.

Horses nibble grass and nuzzle into people.

Maya imagined riding her rabbit. It didn't gallop. It hopped.

That made her laugh.

Maya still wanted a horse, but she wanted a rabbit too.

A rabbit named Winston.

Glossary *(Definitions of Story Words)*

Crowded: When a space has too many things in it to be comfortable.

Furry: Covered in fur.

Gallop: The fastest way for a four-legged animal to run.

Nibble: To take a small bite of something.

Nuzzle: To push your nose gently against someone.

Twitch: To make a small movement quickly and suddenly.

Elements of a Story

Elements of a Story: The pieces of a story that come together to make it complete. Story elements include character, setting and plot.

Character: The people or animals in the story.

Conflict: The problem in the story that needs to be addressed or fixed.

Plot: What happens in the story.

Setting: Where and when the story takes place.

Theme: A story's main idea.