

# Hungry as a Horse

Characters:

Judge Kalani

Bailiff

Court Clerk

Nika

Lana

Kani

The whole class will participate in a discussion after the trial.

**Bailiff**

(knocks gavel two times)

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! The court of the Kingdom of Hawai‘i is now in session. All rise!

**Judge**

(enters, sits down)

**Bailiff**

The Honorable Judge Kalani. This court is now in session.

**Judge**

Be seated. Call the first case.

**Bailiff**

Nika and Lana are the Plaintiffs. They have accused Kani of a crime. Kani is the Defendant.

**Judge**

What is the charge?

**Nika**

We say Kani’s horse ate food from our gardens.

**Lana**

He should pay us for the food.

**Judge**

Nika, you will come to the witness stand first.

(Nika goes to the witness stand)

**Court Clerk**

Do you promise to tell the truth when you are asked a question?

**Nika**

Yes

**Judge**

Did Kani’s horse eat your plants?

**Nika**

Yes. The horse came into my garden. It ate five of my watermelons and five sugar cane plants.

**Judge**

What did the horse look like?

**Nika**

It was a brown horse with a white spot on its chest.

**Judge**

Thank you, Nika. You may go back to your seat.

(Nika goes back)

**Judge**

Lana, you must now come to the witness stand.

(Lana goes to the stand)

**Court Clerk**

Do you promise to tell the truth when you are asked a question?

**Lana**

Yes

**Judge**

You say Kani's horse ate in your garden too?

**Lana**

Yes, The horse ate all the corn and all the gourds. Then, the horse stepped on all the plants. Now, I have no vegetable plants.

**Judge**

What did the horse look like?

**Lana**

It was a brown horse with a white spot on its chest. It was Kani's horse, only his horse has that spot.

**Judge**

Thank you, Lana. You may go back to your seat.

(Nika goes back)

**Judge**

Now, Kani, you must come to the witness stand.

(Kani goes to the stand)

**Court Clerk**

Do you promise to tell the truth when you are asked a question?

**Kani**

Yes

**Judge**

Kani, do you have a brown horse with a white spot on the chest.

**Kani**

Yes. That is what my horse looks like. Her name is Apple.

**Judge**

Did Apple eat the food in Nika's garden?

**Kani**

Maybe.

**Judge**

Did Apple eat the food in Lana's garden?

**Kani**

Maybe.

**Judge**

Why do you keep saying maybe?

**Kani**

I did not see her eat their plants, but maybe she did. Apple likes to eat. I feed her everyday, but she goes away to look for more food. Maybe if I give her more food, she won't go eating other people's gardens.

**Judge**

Thank you, Kani. You may go back to your seat.

(Kani goes back)

**Judge**

Here is my decision. Kani, you must tie Apple up and keep her at home. You will pay \$5.00 to Nika and \$5.00 to Lana because Apple ate their food. In the future, you need to make sure that Apple does not wander around by herself and destroy other people's property.

**Bailiff**

(Hits the gavel) This court is now adjourned.