

The story

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We put stripy rugs on horses to see how they affected the number of visits by horseflies. At the same time we were also looking at real zebras who also happened to be present at this horse livery. And what we found is that, incredibly, once you add stripes to a horse, it drops the number of horsefly visits dramatically.

Vocabulary

evade

avoid

- People who **evade** paying taxes often get caught in the end.
- The criminal was unable to **evade** the police and was arrested yesterday.

deter

do something to change the actions of something

- They put an electric fence around the biscuits to **deter** certain staff members.
- The threat of punishment helps to **deter** people from committing crimes.

earning their stripes

doing something to make others respect them

- By volunteering to manage the project, you're really **earning your stripes**.
- Dealing with the environmental disaster helped the new politician **earn his stripes**.

Language challenge

What do we call a black and white striped road crossing?

- a) zebra crossing
- b) crocodile path
- c) tiger lane

Answer

- a) zebra crossing