

Phrasing Comments on Dressage Sheets

Negative	Neutral	Positive
Unlevel Lost rhythm Skipped	Some irreg	More reg More rhythm More even steps
On the forehand Earthbound Downhill Unbalanced Croup high	Coming a little croup high	More uphill More bal'd More under More eng'd
Crooked Quarters swinging Not straight	Quarters slightly left	More straight More parallel
Tight Tense Stiff	Not always loose Not quite through	More soft More supple More elastic
Abrupt Why so sudden?	Lacking tact	More fluent More smooth
Hollow Above bit Against the hand	Losing roundness	More round More over back More thru neck
Wrong bend	Lacking lateral submis'n	More bend
Crest high	At times crest high	Keep poll highest
Not clear	Could be clearer Rather progressive Hesitant	More clear More crisp More prompt
Resistant	Some tension	More harmony
Dragging steps in rein back	Reluctant Inactive	More quality steps
Leaning	Appears a little heavy	More self carriage
No clear difference	Rather progressive	Modest Cautious More risk taking More bold More brave
Walked to halt	Could be clearer	More sure More prompt
Wagging head	Lacking acceptance of bridle at times	More steady head
Rough trans	Prepare for trans	More discrete aids More harmony
Dropping the bit	At times behind the bit	More on vertical
Lacking imp	Needs to be more forward	More energy Keep the swing More active More gr'd gaining
Not square	Almost squ	Squ in front
4 beat canter Laboured Flat	Losing the jump Needing to show lift	Keep the canter clean More jump More suspension More time in the air
Ambling Not 4 beat	Tending to be lateral	Keep the purity of the walk
Lengthening barely shown	Could show more	More push & carry More freedom in sh'lder More lift Just indicated