

“Pigs”

Reading Comprehension – Short Stories

Directions: Read the story. Then answer the questions below.

Pigs are interesting animals.

They have four legs.

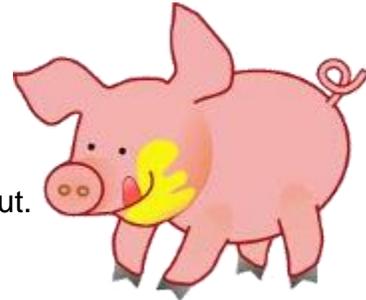
They have a small tail.

They have a round, flat nose. Their nose is called a snout.

They make funny sounds. They grunt and squeal.

They lay in the mud to keep cool.

A pig will eat almost anything!



Questions:

1) What does a snout look like?

- A. small and fat
- B. round and flat
- C. long and thin
- D. big and square

2) What might a pig do if it is hot?

- A. take a shower
- B. drink warm water
- C. move into the barn
- D. lay in the mud

3) What does a pig eat?

- A. corn
- B. meat
- C. carrots
- D. all of the above

Do you like pigs? Why or why not?

Answers and Explanations

1) **B**

In the middle of the story, it says that pigs “have a round, flat nose. Their nose is called a snout.” We can understand from this information that a snout is round and flat. Therefore **(B)** is correct. Pigs have a small tail, but not a small nose, so **(A)** is incorrect. The story does not provide information to support answer choices **(C)** and **(D)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

2) **D**

Near the end, the story says that pigs “lay in the mud to keep cool.” We can understand from this that if a pig is hot, it might lay in the mud to cool down. Therefore **(D)** is correct.

The story says that pigs like to grunt and squeal, but the story does not say that pigs grunt and squeal when they are hot. Therefore **(A)** is incorrect. Drinking cold water does seem like a good way to cool down, but the story tells us that pigs lay in the mud to keep cool. Therefore **(B)** is incorrect. While moving into the barn might also seem like a way to cool off, the story tells us that pigs lay in the mud to keep cool. Therefore **(C)** is incorrect.

3) **D**

At the end, the story says, “A pig will eat almost anything!” We can understand from this that a pig will eat any type of food, so a pig will eat corn, meat or carrots. We can only choose one answer. Therefore **(D)** is correct.

While it is true that a pig will eat corn, meat or carrots, we can only choose one correct answer. We cannot choose one of these over any other. Therefore **(A)**, **(B)** and **(C)** are incorrect.