1. Why was Wilbur having trouble sleeping?

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2. The next morning, what was the first word Wilbur's friend spoke to him?
   a. friend
   b. salutations
   c. serenade
   d. companion

What does this word mean?

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3. The friendly creature that was speaking to Wilbur was a ____________________.

4. Charlotte wished she could see Wilbur but was unable to because she was near-sighted. What does it mean to be near-sighted?
   a. unable to see things far away
   b. unable to see things close up
   c. unable to see things in color
   d. unable to see during the day
5. Explain how Charlotte captures and eats her food.

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6. According to Charlotte what would happen if she didn’t eat bugs?

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7. In early summer, what important event occurred in the barn?
   a. The goose’s eggs hatched.
   b. Wilbur broke free from the barn.
   c. Templeton moved out.
   d. A new pig arrived on the farm.

8. Why were the goose and the gander worried about Templeton?

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9. Over the summer, how had Wilbur changed physically?
   a. He looked sickly.
   b. His fur turned brown.
   c. He gained a lot of weight.
   d. He was almost as tall as the fence.

10. What bad news did the sheep have for Wilbur?

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11. How did Wilbur react to the news, and what helped him to calm down?

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12. Why was Mrs. Arable worried about Fern? What made her think this?

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1. Why was Wilbur having trouble sleeping?
   Wilbur was having trouble sleeping because his mind was full of worries and his stomach was completely empty making it hard for him to drift off to sleep.

2. The next morning, what was the first word Wilbur's friend spoke to him?
   b. salutations

   What does that word mean?
   Salutations means greetings; it's a fancy way of saying hello or good morning.

3. The friendly creature that was speaking to Wilbur was a spider.

4. Charlotte wished she could see Wilbur but was unable to because she was near-sighted. What does it mean to be near-sighted?
   a. unable to see things far away

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5. Explain how Charlotte captures and eats her food.

Charlotte captures her food by trapping it in her web, wrapping it tight in her silk so the bug cannot move and then knocking it out. After that, she then proceeds to bite it and drink its blood.

6. According to Charlotte what would happen if she didn’t eat bugs?

Charlotte told Wilbur that if she didn’t eat bugs the population would get so big that eventually they would destroy the living things on earth.

7. In early summer, what important event occurred in the barn?

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8. Why were the goose and the gander worried about Templeton?

The goose and the gander were worried about Templeton because rats had no morals, no conscience, no decency, no feelings and no friendliness. He would kill a gosling if he could get away with it.
9. Over the summer, how had Wilbur changed physically?
   a. He looked sickly.
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   c. He gained a lot of weight.
   d. He was almost as tall as the fence.

10. What bad news did the sheep have for Wilbur?
    The sheep told Wilbur that the reason they have been fattening him up was because they were going to kill him around Christmastime and turn him into smoked bacon and ham. He informed Wilbur that there was a conspiracy around the farm to kill young pigs when the weather got cold and Levy, Zuckerman, and John Arable are all in on it.

11. How did Wilbur react to the news and what helped him to calm down?
    Wilbur reacted very badly to the news. He kept running around the farm yelling that he didn't want to die, and asking for somebody to save him until Charlotte stepped in. She told him to calm down and quiet down, and that she would save him.

12. Why was Mrs. Arable worried about Fern? What made her think this?
    Mrs. Arable was worried about Fern because she was spending a lot of time at the barn and believed the animals talked when Mrs. Arable did not. Fern told Mrs. Arable all about who the animals at the barn were, their names, and the speech Charlotte made when the goslings were born. This further propelled Mrs. Arable into thinking that something was wrong with her.