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All About Pigs

Many people think that pigs are dirty animals. When it is hot, pigs like to sit in the mud. They do not sit in the mud because they like to be dirty. They are just trying to cool off.

Male (boy) pigs are called boars. Female (girl) pigs are called sows. Baby pigs are called piglets. When piglets are born, they drink milk from their mother.

When a baby pig is born, it weighs only 2 pounds. That is about as heavy as a pineapple. When a pig grows up, it can weigh more than 500 pounds. That is as heavy as a motorcycle!

Most farmers feed corn to their pigs. They also like to eat leaves, and small animals, like mice and lizards. They are not fussy eaters.

Pigs are very important animals. Farmers raise pigs so people can have food to eat. From pigs come many kinds of meats, such as ham, bacon, and pork.
1. Why do pigs like to sit in the mud?
   a. They like to be dirty.
   b. They are trying to cool off.
   c. They are lost.

3. What is a boar?

4. List three foods that come from pigs.
   ________________, ________________, and ________________
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Draw lines to match the words from the article with their meanings.

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3. sows ●
4. weigh ●
5. meat ● picky
6. fussy ● how heavy or light something is

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In the article, “Oink! Oink! All About Pigs,” you learned many facts about pigs.

Do you think a pig would make a good pet? Tell why or why not.
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2. What do farmers usually feed their pigs?  
   c. corn

3. What is a boar?  
   a. boy (or male) pig

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