

Level 5. Pig's Skin

Alpha Readers








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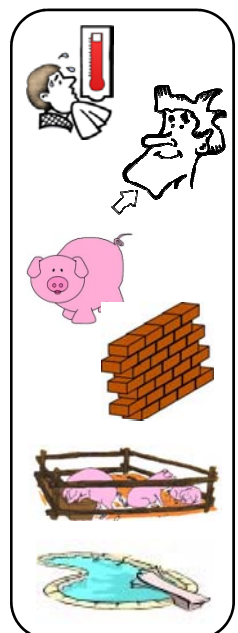
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A Write one more word that goes with the description.

sty	wallow	pain	wet	groan	cry	grin
smile	=	grin		to show your teeth to make a happy face		
moan	=	groan		to make a low sound because you are in pain		
ache	=	pain		the unpleasant feeling when you are ill		
wail	=	cry		to make a noise and produce tears		
soaked	=	wet		covered in a liquid, especially water		
pig-pen	=	sty		a small building where pigs are kept		
roll	=	wallow		moving or making something move by turning over and over		

B Read the word in the first column. Then write the word that rhymes with it.

dry	Bertha lay on top of the <u>sty</u> .
dig	All the <u>pig</u> s in the pen was happy.
small	There was one muddy patch by the <u>wall</u> .
cool	The other pigs sat in the little <u>pool</u> .
lot	Her skin grew quite red and it felt very <u>hot</u> .
pin	She wallowed in mud right up to her <u>chin</u> .



C Write the correct word to complete the sentence.

out of

on

of

flash

going

1. None of the mud was left anymore.
2. What's going **on** in my muddy pig-pen?
3. Bertha **came** out of the pig-pen and gave a loud cry.
4. In a flash he got water and soaked the whole pen.
5. Farmer MacBen **put** mud on her back and all over her skin.

D Complete the sentences using *must*.**Helping Verb must**

Use **must** to say that it's necessary to do it or to give your own opinion.

Ex.) I think I'm catching a cold. → You **must** go home and rest.

1. I am so tired. → You must go to bed.
2. I'm getting fatter. → You must start to exercise.
3. Tomorrow is my mother's birthday. → You must buy a nice gift today.
4. I have a toothache. → You must go to a dentist.
5. My room is in a mess. → You must clean your room.
6. Bill starts work at 5 am. → He must get up at four.

buy a nice gift today
go to bed
clean your room

go to a dentist
start to exercise
get up

A Answer the following questions.

1. Who was Bertha in the story?
 - ☒ a) It was a pig, the queen of the pen.
 - b) It was a pig, the king of the pen.
 - c) It was a pig, the farmer
2. When did the story happen?
 - a) The story happened down in the river.
 - ☒ b) The story happened down in pig-pen of Farmer MacBen.
 - c) The story happened around the pond near a farm.
3. What was Bertha's mistake?
 - a) She was kind to her friends.
 - b) She grunted and cried.
 - ☒ c) She wanted her skin to be clean.
4. What did Bertha learn about mud?
 - a) She learned that her skin didn't have to be protected by mud.
 - ☒ b) She found the cool mud was soothing her skin and it was really good.
 - c) She knew that she had to roll in the mud for the fashion.

B Read and circle the correct word for the story.

1. "This mud will make my ☒ skin / head yucky, so take it away," said Bertha.
2. The pigs dug until their ☒ snout / trotters were sore.
3. She lazed in the sun on the top of the ☒ sty / shed .
4. The other pigs rolled in the mud to keep their skin ☒ warm / cool .
5. He made a big ☒ mud / sand patch and pushed Bertha in.
6. She rolled in the mud the way all ☒ doggies / piggies should.

C Complete the sentences and write the numbers in story order.

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| 1 |  | Down in the pig-pen of Farmer BacBen, Bertha the pig was the <u>queen of the pen</u> . |
| 3 |  | Bertha lazed in the sun on the top of the sty while other pigs <u>rolled in the mud</u> to keep their skin cool. |
| 2 |  | Bertha wanted other pigs to <u>clean up the mud</u> . |
| 6 |  | Now Bertha likes to roll in the mud to <u>protect her skin</u> . |
| 4 |  | Bertha <u>grunted with pain</u> because her skin was dry, red, and hot. |
| 5 |  | Old Farmer MacBen put mud on Bertha's back and <u>all over her skin</u> . |

clean up the mud, rolled in the mud, queen of the pen,
all over her skin, protect her skin, grunted with pain,

D Complete a report about the importance of mud for pigs' skin using the given words.

Pigs' Skin

Answers vary.

Pigs' skin has to be wet and cool. If they are in the sun, their skin
(wet, cool)

grows red and it feels very hot. It hurts quite a lot.
(feel, hot)

Cool mud is important to the pigs because it can keep their skin
(keep, cool)

cool and protect their skin from the sun.
(protect, the sun)