

Level 5. Pig's Skin

Alpha Readers








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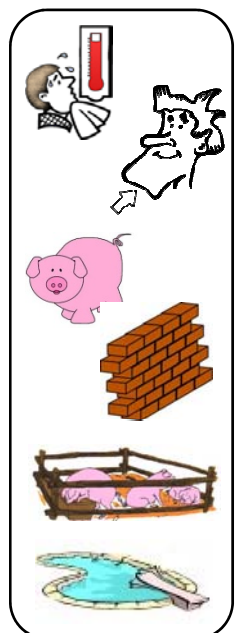
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A Write one more word that goes with the description.

sty	wallow	pain	wet	groan	cry	grin
smile	=		to show your teeth to make a happy face			
moan	=		to make a low sound because you are in pain			
ache	=		the unpleasant feeling when you are ill			
wail	=		to make a noise and produce tears			
soaked	=		covered in a liquid, especially water			
pig-pen	=		a small building where pigs are kept			
roll	=		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 _____.
dig	All the _____s in the pen was happy.
small	There was one muddy patch by the _____.
cool	The other pigs sat in the little _____.
hot	Her skin grew quite red and it felt very _____.
pin	She wallowed in mud right up to her _____.



C Write the correct word to complete the sentence.

out of

on

of

flash

going

1. **None** _____ the mud was left anymore.
2. **What's** _____ **on** in my muddy pig-pen?
3. Bertha **came** _____ the pig-pen and gave a loud cry.
4. **In a** _____ he got water and soaked the whole pen.
5. Farmer MacBen **put** mud _____ 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 _____.
2. I'm getting fatter. → You _____.
3. Tomorrow is my mother's birthday. → You _____.
4. I have a toothache. → You _____.
5. My room is in a mess. → You _____.
6. Bill starts work at 5 am. → He _____ 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.

<input type="text" value="1"/>		Down in the pig-pen of Farmer BacBen, Bertha the pig was the _____.
<input type="text"/>		Bertha lazed in the sun on the top of the sty while other pigs _____ to keep their skin cool.
<input type="text"/>		Bertha wanted other pigs to _____.
<input type="text"/>		Now Bertha likes to roll in the mud to _____.
<input type="text"/>		Bertha _____ because her skin was dry, red, and hot.
<input type="text"/>		Old Farmer MacBen put mud on Bertha's back and _____.

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.

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Pigs' skin _____. If they are in the sun, their skin
(wet, cool)

grows red and _____. It hurts quite a lot.
(feel, hot)

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

_____ and _____.
(protect, the sun)