



Babe – Pig in the City

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Before reading

- 1 **Answer these questions:** Look at the cover of the book:
 - a Is the story about a pig, about a duck, about some mice or about a farm? Look at the face of the pig. Is he friendly? Is he frightened? Is he happy? Why is the box in the picture?
 - b Look at the pictures of ‘Some of the animals in the story’. Which animals do you think live on the farm at Hoggett’s Hollow?

While reading

Chapter 1

- 2 **Use the words in the box to complete the sentences.**

quietly nicest kind clever careful
large quickly angry

- a Babe is a very little pig.
- b He can bring sheep home as as a farm dog can.
- c But Babe is not always
- d A stone fell on Farmer Hoggett.
- e His head hurt but he was not with Babe.
- f Mrs Hoggett looked through the papers on the desk.
- g Ferdinand said, ‘You’re the pig on the farm.’
- h Rex said, ‘Not every farmer is as as ours.’

Chapter 2

- 3 **Complete the words in these sentences.**
 - a The big plane started to move a_ _y from the airport.
 - b Mrs Hoggett did not see Ferdinand o_ _ _ _e the window.
 - c Ferdinand flew a_ _ _r the plane as fast as he could.
 - d Somebody took Babe’s box off the plane and put it i_ _o a small room.
 - e A dog came in and pushed his nose e_ _ _ _ _ _e.
 - f Babe was in the m_ _ _ _e of a table under a camera.
 - g This camera took pictures of e_ _ _ _ _ _g inside the bags and boxes.

- h Before Mrs Hoggett could say a_ _ _ _ _g, she had to take off her clothes.

Chapters 3–6

- 4 **Who says these words?**
 - a ‘I don’t want them to know about my animals.’
 - b ‘And remember, the little pig has to stay in the room at all times.’
 - c ‘He’s from a different country.’
 - d ‘Pig ... Pig ... PIG!’
 - e ‘Who are you calling a pig?’
 - f ‘I have to make the children in the hospital happy for an hour.’
 - g ‘When do they pay me?’
 - h ‘I’m going to have some babies soon.’
 - i ‘I couldn’t wake Fugly up.’
 - j ‘Pig, P-pig.’

- 5 **Can you do a magic trick like Fugly Floom? Show your friends. Learn new magic tricks from your friends.**

- 6 **Write an advertisement for the Flealands Hotel. Draw pictures and make your advertisement look good.**

Chapters 5–6

- 7 **Correct the mistakes in these sentences.**
 - a Zootie knows a place where they can get some food.
 - b A Doberman is a large black sheep.
 - c A bull terrier isn’t an angry, dangerous dog.
 - d Babe climbed the tree.
 - e Babe didn’t help the bull terrier in the river.
 - f Bull terriers are born to be kind.
 - g Zootie had three babies.
 - h Ferdinand didn’t hear Babe’s song.
 - i The woman in the house across the river didn’t call the police.
 - j The Doberman saved Ferdinand and Babe from the policeman.
 - k Babe jumped out of the kitchen window and into the street.
 - l Babe and Tug tried to help Ferdinand.
 - m Babe followed the smell of coffee.
 - n Tug looked in the window and saw a lot of birds in boxes.

- 8 **What are the most dangerous animals, birds, fish and insects which live in your country? Find or draw pictures and make a poster.**



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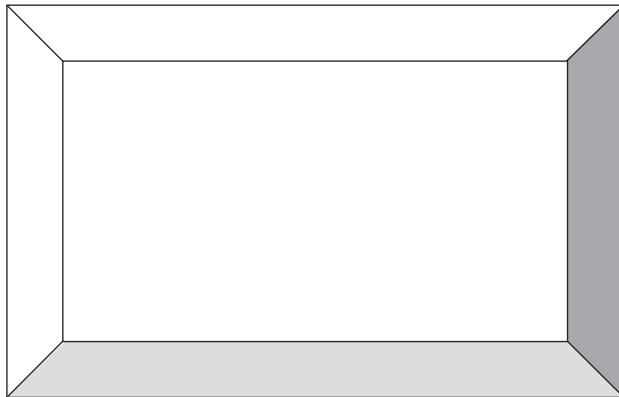
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Chapters 7–8

- 9 After the two policemen took Mrs Hoggett to the police station, they asked her a lot of questions. Complete the policemen's questions.
- a What name?
 - b Where live?
 - c Where your husband?
 - d Why to the city?
 - e What name hotel?
 - f Why call 'Pig, pig' policemen?
- 10 Who asks these questions?
- a 'Where's Thelonus?'
 - b 'What are you doing?'
 - c 'Am I an orang-utan, or am I a human?'
 - d 'Where in the world *isn't* dangerous?'
 - e 'What are you doing here?'

After reading

- 11 Imagine that Farmer Hoggett invites you to visit Hoggett's Farm one afternoon. Think about what you can see and what you can do. Write this down and tell your friends.
- 12 *Animal Friends* is a website where animals write about themselves and their friends. This is Babe's page on the *Animal Friends* website. Complete Babe's page for him.



I am Babe, the famous sheep-pig. This is a picture of me and my boss, Farmer Hoggett.
Where do you live?

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Describe yourself.

I have got legs. My eyes are
 I have got ears and a tail.

- My animal friends say that I'm ... ✓ X
- very good looking
 - fairly good looking
 - not very good looking

- My human friends say that I'm ... ✓ X
- very clever
 - fairly clever
 - not very clever

- My animal friends say that I'm ... ✓ X
- nice
 - kind
 - dangerous
 - always careful

Say what you can and can't do ✓ X

- I can ...
- bring the sheep back to the farm
 - swim
 - fly
 - follow a smell
 - speak human language
 - speak animal language
 - read books

Write the names of your best human friends.

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Write the names of your best animal friends.

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Write about the best day in your life.

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Write your e-mail address.

Babe@hoggettfarm.com

Write a message to me!



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1 Choose the correct word 1, 2 or 3.

- a Babe is a pig.
 - 1) clever
 - 2) fat
 - 3) bad
- b He lives on Mr Hoggett's
 - 1) bank
 - 2) well
 - 3) farm
- c Mr Hoggett falls down a
 - 1) tree
 - 2) mountain
 - 3) well
- d Some men from a want a lot of money.
 - 1) city
 - 2) bank
 - 3) farm
- e Mrs Hoggett finds a on her husband's desk.
 - 1) paper
 - 2) writing
 - 3) letter
- f Babe can help his, Mr Hoggett.
 - 1) friend
 - 2) father
 - 3) name
- g Ferdinand, the wants Babe to stay on the farm.
 - 1) horse
 - 2) cat
 - 3) duck
- h Mrs Hoggett and Babe go to the
 - 1) airport
 - 2) farm
 - 3) well
- i Mrs Hoggett hasn't got any in her bag.
 - 1) drugs
 - 2) clothes
 - 3) books
- j Mrs Hoggett takes Babe to the Flealands
 - 1) hotel
 - 2) airport
 - 3) farm

2 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a The landlady takes Mrs Hoggett and Babe to the top floor of the hotel.
- b Tug eats Mrs Hoggett's bag.

- c Zootie is wearing a pretty coat.
- d Fugly Floom is the landlady's uncle.
- e A young man with rollerblades tries to take Mrs Hoggett's hat.
- f Fugly Floom takes Babe to the children's hospital.
- g He puts Babe in a big gun.
- h Babe wants Mrs Hoggett to give him his money.
- i Ferdinand arrives in the city and tries to find his friend, Babe.

3 Choose the right words.

- a Babe is *angry* / *hungry* and he leaves the hotel.
- b He meets some *clever* / *dangerous* dogs.
- c A bull *terrier* / *terrorist* falls into the river.
- d He can't swim but Babe *helps* / *pushes* him.
- e Babe sings a beautiful song and Ferdinand *ears* / *hears* him.
- f Some people who live near the hotel *tell* / *catch* the police.

4 Number these sentences in the correct order.

- a The Flealands Hotel closes and Dancelands opens.
- b A kind detective tells Mrs Hoggett she can go.
- c All the animals go to Hoggett's Hollow.
- d The waiters and cooks try to catch the animals.
- e The landlady gives her money to Mr Hoggett.

5 Complete the sentences with names from the box.

Mr Hoggett	Mrs Hoggett	Babe
Ferdinand	The landlady	Fugly Floom
Zootie	Flealick	Bob

- a is the father of Zootie's babies.
- b saves the terrier in the river.
- c The police arrest and ask her a lot of questions.
- d sells the hotel and moves to Hoggett's Hollow.
- e She gives the money to and he pays the men from the bank.
- f is Babe's friend and follows the airplane to the city.
- g is a chimpanzee who wears human clothes.