



The Sheep-Pig

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While reading

Chapters 1–4

1 Put the words in the right order to make sentences.

- a the village / there / a party / in / is
.....
- b sheep / is / Farmer Hogget / a / farmer
.....
- c are / the / ten / tickets / pence
.....
- d quiet / the pig / is / very
.....
- e wins / Farmer Hogget / the pig
.....
- f Fly / sheepdog / is / black and white / a
.....
- g thinks / Fly / at first / stupid / are / pigs
.....
- h in / Babe / is / the big box
.....
- i north / the sheep / in / are / all / the / field
.....
- j Fly / Babe / in the box / sleeps / with
.....
- k ducks / starts / Babe / round / to run
.....
- l tells / Babe / that / pigs / Fly / are clever
.....
- m can't / Babe / the box / look / in
.....
- n to sleep / Babe / the sheep / tells / to go
.....
- o old and ill / is / sheep / the
.....

2 Discuss these questions with another student. What do you think?

Who do you think calls Farmer Hogget and his wife? Why do you think the person calls them?

3 Who says the sentences a–l?

- a 'I know that.'
- b 'Fourteen kilos, I think.'
- c 'Dogs are clever animals.'
- d 'Stop that noise!'
- e 'I want my mum.'
- f 'All animals learn to leave their mothers.'
.....
- g 'But you can live here with me.'

h 'Perhaps I can be happy here with you.'
.....

i 'Well, what a picture.'

j 'The boss likes you.'

k 'Ducks are stupid animals.'

l 'Go away, wolf.'

4 Make a list.

How many students in your class have an animal/animals at home? Make a list of the students and the animals that they have at home.

5 Answer these questions.

- a Where can't Babe go?
.....
- b Where does Fly go with Farmer Hogget and why?
.....
- c What do the young dogs say about sheep?
.....
- d Why is Fly sad?
.....
- e What does Mrs Hogget want to eat for Christmas dinner?
.....
- f What does Babe want to be?
.....
- g What does Ma call sheepdogs?
.....
- h What adjective does Ma use to describe Babe?
.....

6 Discuss these questions with another student. What do you think?

Do you like dogs? Why or why not?

Chapters 5–8

7 Match the questions with the answers.

- a Why doesn't Farmer Hogget want to kill Babe? ...
- b What does Babe find in the north field? ...
- c Why are the sheep afraid? ...
- d What does Babe do to make the sheep feel better? ...
- e What does Mrs Hogget do? ...
- f Why does Mrs Hogget say, 'You must thank him'? ...
- g How does Mrs Hogget think differently about Babe? ...
- h Why does Farmer Hogget take Babe to the north field? ...



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- i Why don't the sheep go down the field when Fly runs behind them? ...
- j Why do the sheep want Babe? ...
- k Why do the sheep call Babe a 'sheep-pig'? ...
- l What can Babe do with the sheep? ...
- m How does Babe help the sheep when the men and the dogs come? ...
- n What happens to Ma? ...
 - 1 She calls the police.
 - 2 She dies.
 - 3 Because he wants him to work with the sheep.
 - 4 He puts his teeth into the dogs' back legs.
 - 5 Because he sees that he is very clever.
 - 6 Because the men want to catch them and put them in their truck.
 - 7 He can move them and take them to their sheep-pens.
 - 8 He tells them that the dogs aren't going to catch them.
 - 9 Because he does the work of a sheepdog, but he is a pig.
 - 10 Because they think that he is polite.
 - 11 A lot of sheep, two thin black dogs and two men.
 - 12 Because they think that he isn't polite.
 - 13 She thinks that he is a clever pig.
 - 14 Because she knows that Babe helped the sheep.

8 Draw a picture to describe what happens in Chapter 8.

9 Finish these sentences.

- a Babe wants to be a
- b Fly wants to sit and watch
- c The sheep want Fly to be to them.
- d Farmer Hogget wants to take Babe to the
- e At the sheepdog trials, Farmer Hogget doesn't want people to his sheep-pig.

Chapters 9–12

10 Write the right words in the sentences.

black face fatter Fly killed
police politely sad sheep washes
watches windy

- a Babe feels because the boss is angry.

- b The farmer has a long, thing in his hand.
- c Farmer Hogget thinks that Babe a sheep.
- d The phone Mrs Hogget and tell her about two bad dogs.
- e Farmer Hogget finds out that Babe didn't kill the
- f Farmer Hogget looks carefully at Babe's
- g The sheep tell about the dogs.
- h The sheep talk to Fly when she speaks to them
- i Fly gets because she eats Babe's food.
- j Farmer Hogget Babe.
- k Mrs Hogget television.
- l It's very at the sheepdog trials.

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

- a Babe likes television.
- b Farmer Hogget is going to take his wife to the sheepdog trials.
- c Farmer Hogget tells his wife about his plan.
- d Babe works with the sheep every morning and afternoon.
- e Babe's problem is that the sheep will be different at the sheepdog trials.
- f Only some sheep know the password.
- g If Babe uses the password, the sheep will go into the sheep-pens quickly.
- h The sheep tell Fly the password because they like him.
- i Babe is going to learn the password.

12 Write a 'password poem' that Babe can use to get the sheep to go into the sheep-pens quickly.

After reading

13 Work in pairs. Ask each other questions about the story. Did you enjoy *The Sheep-Pig*? Why or why not? Did you think that it was funny? Why or why not? Do you like stories about animals? Why or why not?

14 Work in pairs. Discuss the story's message. What do you think the author is trying to say in *The Sheep-Pig*? Why do you think this?



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Chapters 1–4

- 1 **Underline the wrong word in each sentence and write the right word.**
- a The party in the village starts at one o'clock.
.....
 - b The man writes '24' in a book next to Farmer Hogget's name.
 - c Fly is the mother of three young dogs.
 - d Babe is a Large Black pig.
 - e Fly knows that Mrs Hogget wants to help Babe.
.....
 - f Some sheep are playing in the water.
 - g Ma gives Babe a sheepdog lesson.
 - h Babe doesn't get all the dogs together.
 - i Fly says ducks and sheep are clever.
 - j Babe meets a sheep named Fly.
 - k Ma doesn't like ducks.
 - l Ma likes Babe because he is rude.

Chapters 5–8

- 2 **Are these sentences polite (P) or not polite (NP)?**
- a 'Go away!'
 - b 'Can you leave, please?'
 - c 'Can you speak more quietly, please?'
 - d 'Give me a coffee.'
 - e 'I'd like a coffee, please.'
 - f 'Can you pass me the biscuits?'
 - g 'Move!'
 - h 'Excuse me.'
 - i 'Give me the biscuits right now.'
 - j 'Be quiet!'
 - k 'Hurry up!'
 - l 'Please try not to be late.'
- 3 **Who says the sentences a–l?**
- a 'Look at that pig!'
 - b 'I have a plan.'
 - c 'Those men are bad.'
 - d 'What can we do?'
 - e 'I'm not going to kill him now!'
 - f 'The boss is happy, Babe.'
 - g 'Come by!'
 - h 'Does the boss like me, now?'
 - i 'They're for sheepdogs and their bosses.'
 - j 'But here's the problem: they weren't polite!'
.....
 - k 'Dogs run faster than pigs.'
 - l 'Is that you, Babe?'

Chapters 9–12

- 4 **What are the plurals of these words?**
- a pig
 - b man
 - c woman
 - d child
 - e sheep
 - f dog
 - g wolf
 - h mouse
 - i truck
 - j field
- 5 **Choose the right answers, 1 or 2.**
- a Babe wonders why Farmer Hogget is so ...
 - 1 happy.
 - 2 angry.
 - b Fly tells Babe to learn the ... by heart.
 - 1 password
 - 2 sheep's names
 - c Farmer Hogget washes Babe in ... water.
 - 1 warm
 - 2 cold
 - d The papers for the sheepdog trials say ...
 - 1 'animal'.
 - 2 'dog'.
 - e People ... when they see Farmer Hogget and Babe.
 - 1 laugh
 - 2 shout angrily
 - f For each gate, Babe gets ... points.
 - 1 ten
 - 2 twenty
 - g Babe gets ... points in total and wins the sheepdog trials.
 - 1 eighty-five
 - 2 one hundred