

'The Sheep-Pig' Comprehension

Use the text to help you answer the questions below.

💡 If you see a light bulb next to the question, you will need to think about your own thoughts or opinions, based on what you have read.

1. What is Mrs Hogget complaining about at the start of the story?

There is too much noise coming from outside

2. What does the phrase 'medley of sounds' mean on p.1?

A mixture of sounds were coming in through the window.

3. Which simile does the author use to describe the size of the farmer's pocket-watch?

As big as a saucer

4. Who is going to take the jams, pickles and preserves to the fair for Mrs Hogget?

Farmer Hogget

💡 5. By p.3, what impression have you got of Mrs Hogget from what you have read?

Appropriate answers, e.g. I think Mrs Hogget is a woman who likes to talk a lot and complain a lot. This is because she always seems to have a lot to say about particular things and the text says, 'everything she did was at great length.'

💡 6. Why do you think Farmer Hogget 'never wasted his energies on his words'?

I think it says this because he could never get many words in with Mrs Hogget talking as much as she did, so he didn't bother trying.

7. Why is the piglet making so much noise at the fair?

Lots of people are picking it up to guess its weight

8. Which adjectives does the author use to describe the pig's eyes?

Bright and intelligent

9. What is 'strange' about the pig's reaction to Farmer Hogget?

He doesn't make a sound when the farmer picks him up.



10. Why does Farmer Hogget say, "oh" when he picks the phone up at the end of the chapter?

He doesn't think he is going to win the pig and so he is surprised when the phone rings to tell him that the pig is now his.

