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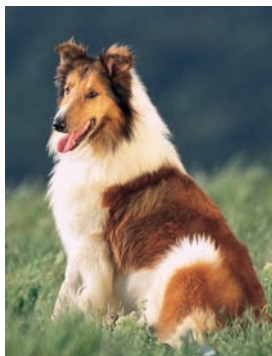
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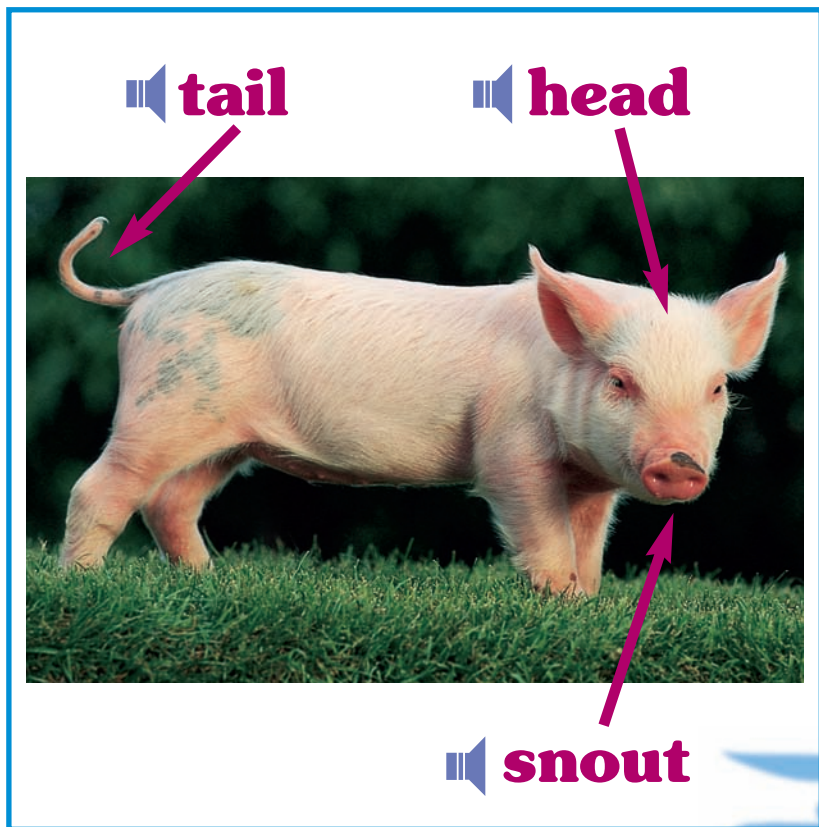


- What have you read about pigs?  
You may think pigs are dirty or not too smart.
- Duke, the pig, will tell you a few facts about pigs.

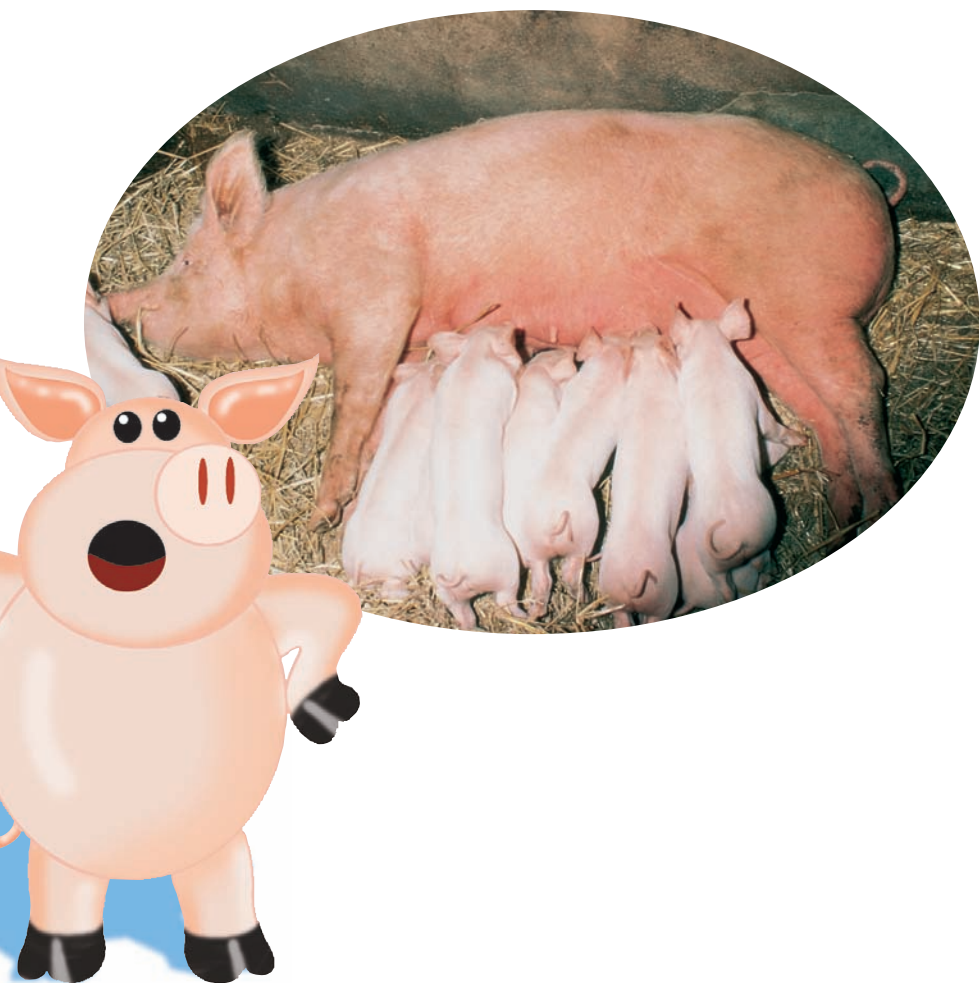


🔊 Pigs are cute animals. They are a lot like cats and dogs. A pig has four feet and a short tail.





- At the end of a pig's head is a long snout. Pigs use their snouts to find food in the ground.



🔊 A mama pig feeds her baby pigs milk. She cares for her cute young pigs.



🔊 Pigs are small when they are born. Some pigs grow to be huge.





Some people think pigs are dirty animals. Pigs do spend a lot of time in the mud. Do you know why?



■ Mud keeps the pigs from getting too hot.



These farm pigs are very clean. Even cute young pigs are very clean.



Some people think that pigs are not too smart, but that is not right! As a rule, pigs are very smart.

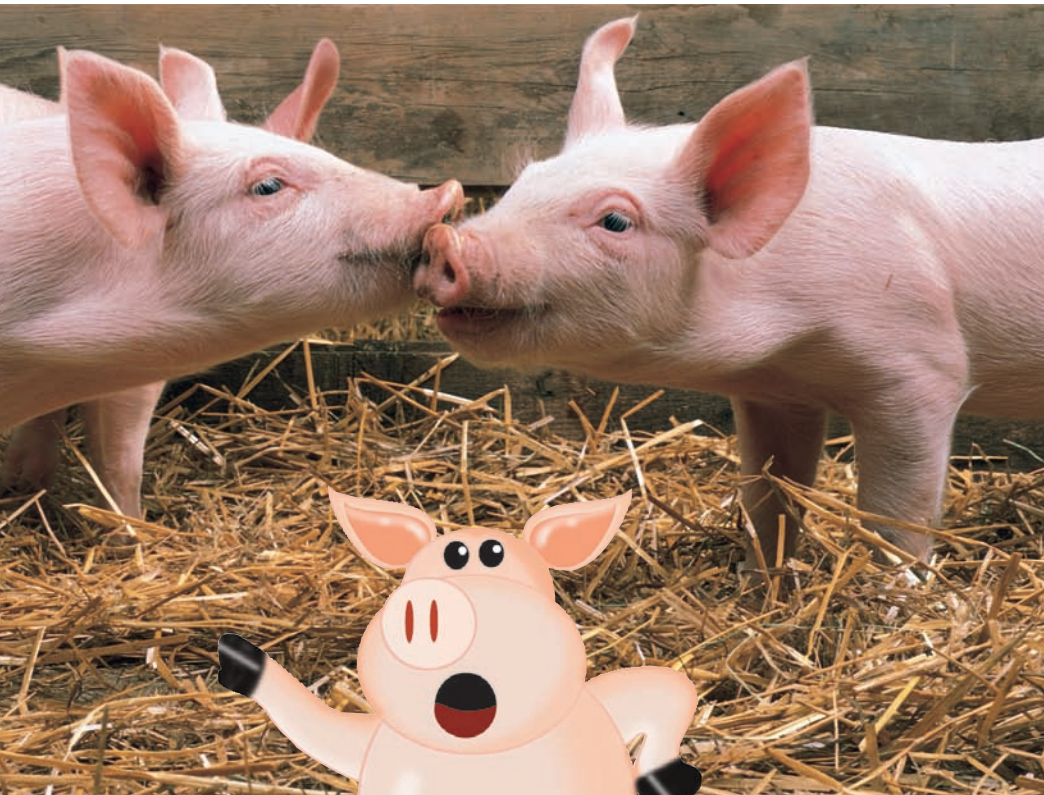




Many pigs can learn tricks.  
People even keep pet pigs. They  
train a pet pig, just like a dog.

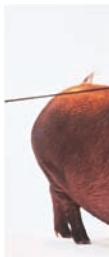


🔊 This boy brought home a cute little pet pig. He sings a tune to his new pet.



🔊 Pigs use grunts to talk to each other. Each grunt has a meaning.





There are many kinds of pigs.  
Some pigs are one color, other  
pigs have spots.










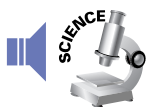
Some pigs are huge. Others are very small. But pigs are the same in many ways.



There is no other animal quite like a pig. They are very special.

## **Think and Respond**

-  **1** Who is telling you all about pigs?
-  **2** Why do pigs spend time in the mud?
-  **3** How do pigs use their grunts?
-  **4** How are pigs like cats and dogs?
-  **5** Would you like to have a pig for a pet?  
Tell why or why not.



**My Farm Book** Make a book about farm animals. Draw Duke the pig. Draw other animals you may see on a farm. Write a sentence about each animal.



**School-Home Connection** With a family member, make a word map about pigs. Write the word *pig* inside a circle on the center of a piece of paper. Write words about pigs inside little circles around the center circle.