

Fiction or Non-Fiction

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Read the passages below then answer the questions that follow.

Skill — Reading Comprehension

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The Puffed Up Pig

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"What do you think?" Pigsel asked with a proud grin. He had left the farm today to visit the upscale "A la Creme Organic Dairy Farm" to show some of his photographs to the Goat family. Mr. Vincent Goat looked at the photograph with a sideways glance.

"I don't know..." he said pursing his lips. The photograph was inspired by the Mona Lisa. Pigsel had just left Europe where he visited the famous painting in Paris. Then, before he flew back to the states he did a quick safari in Africa and used some local hyenas as his subject.



"I just think the animals are a bit too smiley for this piece." He held the photograph in his hoof, cocked his head to the side and looked at the photo with squinted eyes. He shook his head in a disapproving manner. "What else do you have?" Mr. Goat asked.

"Um well let me see..." Pigsel said a bit nervously. That was his best piece he thought. He dug around in his briefcase and pulled out an older black and white one he did at sunrise on the farm and a close up shot of some of the baby ducks following their mother around.

"I don't know. These just feel overdone if you will," said Mr. Goat. "Franchesca, what do you think?"

Franchesca was Mr. Goat's wife. "I just don't feel excited when I look at it." She murmured.

Pigsel felt flustered and discouraged. He never expected the goats not to like his work. He thought they may argue about the price, but it never occurred to him that they would refuse to even buy it. Don't they know that he is the most talented photographer of all the Floffertown farm animals? Most likely they just had poor taste.

"What's wrong?" Mr. Cow asked Pigsel while he was dragging his belongings out of the taxi in front of the farm. Mr. Cow could tell by Pigsel's gruff movements and frustrated look that he was not in a good mood.

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All About Pigs

What do you think of when you think of a pig? Do you think of a cute little farm animal, or a muddy mess? Yes, it's true that pigs roll around in mud. They do it to cool off! Our bodies sweat to cool off, but pigs do not have sweat glands. So they must cool their bodies down another way. The cool, damp covering of mud on their bodies can keep the sun off their skin in the summer. Pretty smart!

In fact, pigs are one of the smartest animals in the world. Scientists think they are even smarter than dogs or human toddlers. Scientists think the grunts and squeals they make are their way of communicating to other pigs. A mother pig even makes sounds for its young that sound like singing.

When a pig is first born, it is called a piglet. It weighs only about 2.5 pounds (1.1 kg)! But it does not stay at that tiny size for long. In about a week, a piglet will double its weight. Some keep growing until they reach about 700 pounds (318 kg)!

What does an animal eat to get so big? Pigs that live in the wild eat a wide variety of foods. They eat leaves, fruits, and small animals. You may have noticed the big snouts that pigs have. They use these nostrils to sniff out their meals. The skin on their noses is a sensitive, leathery material. It helps them search for and find their food. Pigs have an even better sense of taste than humans have. We have about 9,000 taste buds in our mouths. Pigs have 15,000 taste buds!

What do you think of when you think of this amazing creature?



1. What is the title of the non-fiction passage?

2. Give details to support your answer telling why you think the passage is non-fiction.
3. What is the title of the fiction passage?
4. Give details to support your answer telling why you think the passage is fiction.
5. Match the passage details below to the correct category.

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Pigs have 15,000 taste buds.

Franchesca was Goat's wife.

He held the photograph in his hoof.

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