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1. In the beginning of the story, John Arable was going to kill a baby pig that was a runt. What is a runt?

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2. Explain why Mr. and Mrs. Arable believed having a runt was a problem.

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3. How did Fern react to her father's decision?

   a. understanding   **b.** upset

   c. calm   **d.** mystified

4. What did Fern name her pig?

   a. Wilbur   **b.** Avery

   c. Wilma   **d.** John

5. Describe what Fern did to take care of her newborn pig.

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6. Fern quickly fell in love with her pig. Name one activity that Fern and her pig did together.

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7. What occurred when the pig was five weeks old?

    a. He was moved outside.   **b.** He was big enough to sell.

    c. He became very ill.   **d.** He was sent to live with the other pigs.

8. Who were the Zuckermans and why did Fern need to call them?

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9. Describe the barn.

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10. Explain how Wilbur escaped from his pen. Did he enjoy his freedom?

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11. In Chapter 4, why was Fern's pig so sad?

      a. He wanted a friend.   **b.** He wanted to be free.

      c. He wanted to be alive.   **d.** He missed his mother.

12. Circle five words that best describe Templeton.

fun	crafty	generous	sneaky	rat
sheep	glutton	bashful	smart	loving

13. At the end of Chapter 4, a kind voice spoke from the darkness, what did it say?

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