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# Pig Tales



What do pigs drive?

*Pig-up trucks*

What do you get when you cross  
a pig and a centipede?

*Bacon and legs*

What does a pig put on a scratch?

*Oinkment*

What kind of necktie does a pig wear?

*A pigsty*

What do you call a pig's curly tail?

*A porkscrew*

What would you call a pig driving a car?

*A road hog*

How does a pig go to hospital?

*In a hambulance*

What do pigs do after school?

*Their hamwork*

What do pigs write letters with?

*Pig pens*

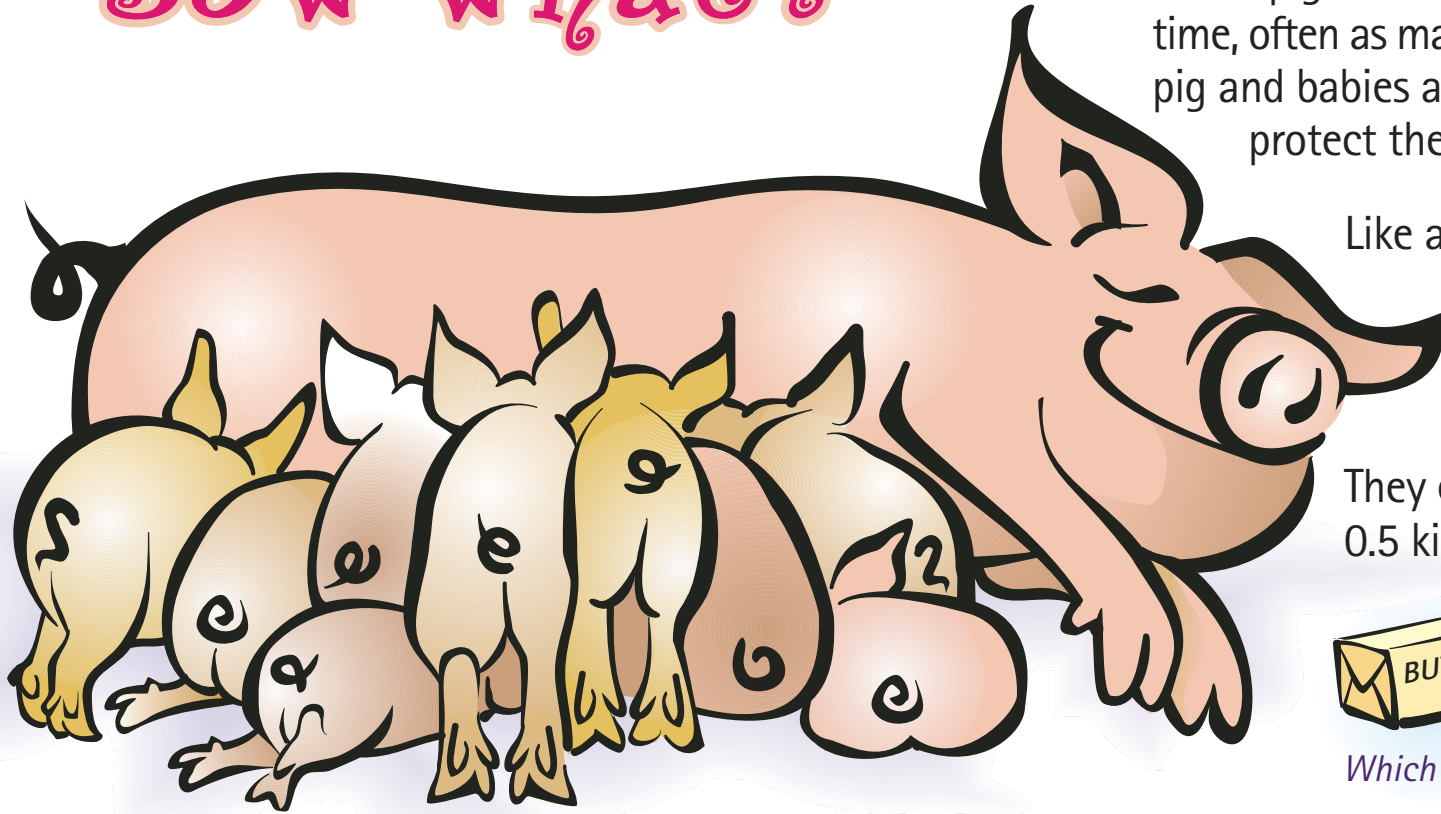


# Sow what?

Mother pigs are called sows and their babies are called piglets. Sows have lots of piglets at one time, often as many as ten or twelve. The mother pig and babies are kept in a special stall to protect the piglets.

Like all babies, the first food that piglets have is their mother's milk. It is very healthy and helps the piglets to grow quickly.

They can gain up to one pound or 0.5 kilos a day.



*Which of these items weighs one pound?*



# eeny, meeny, weany

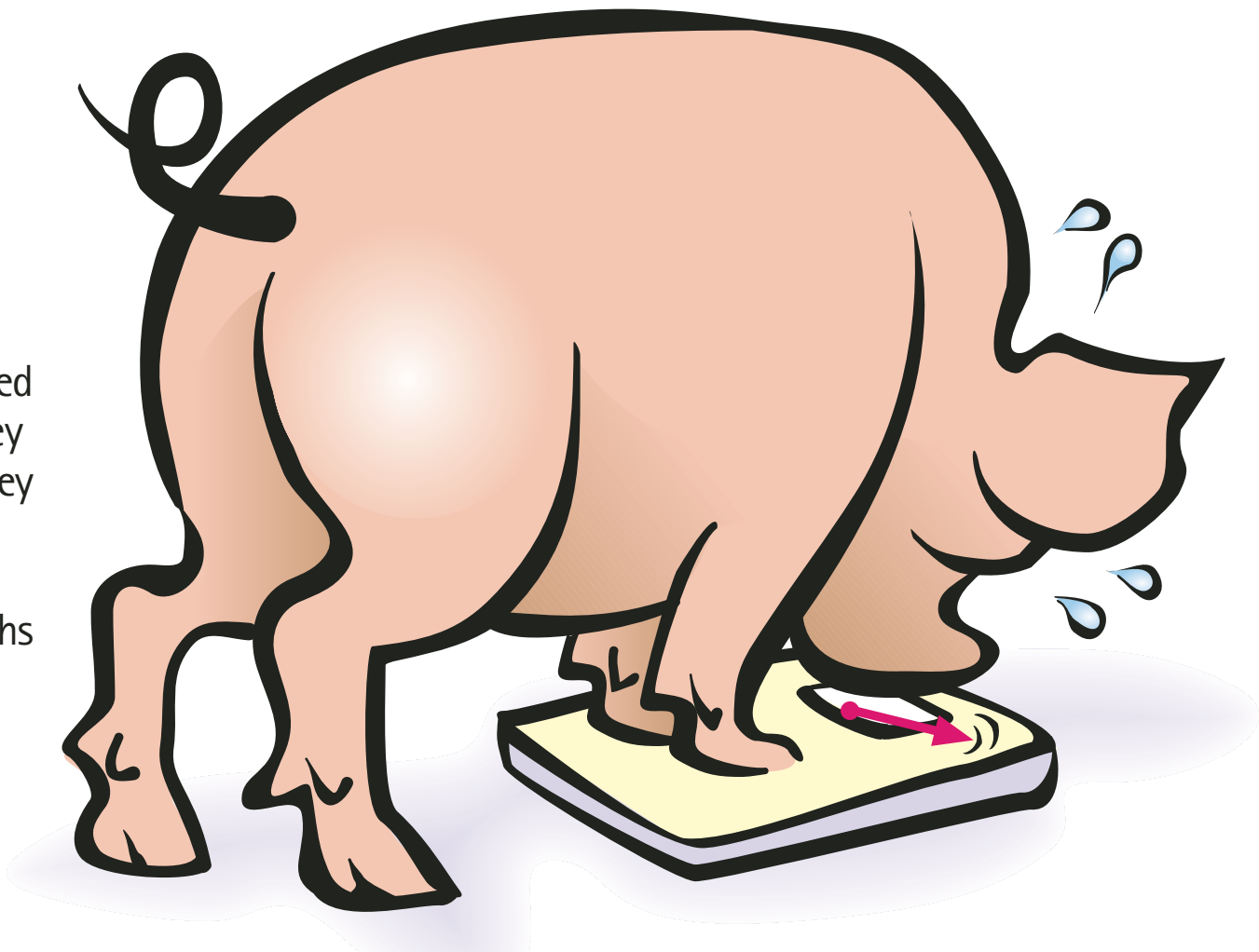
After about two to three weeks, the piglets are ready for solid food. When they don't need their mother's milk any longer they are called weanlings.

Weanlings are moved into pens where they can be kept warm and safe. Sometimes, heat lamps or pads are used to keep the pigs warm. They are fed grains such as wheat, barley, corn and soymeal so that they will grow strong and healthy.

# What a Hog!

As the pigs grow bigger, they are moved to a separate room or barn until they are finished growing. At this stage they are called hogs.

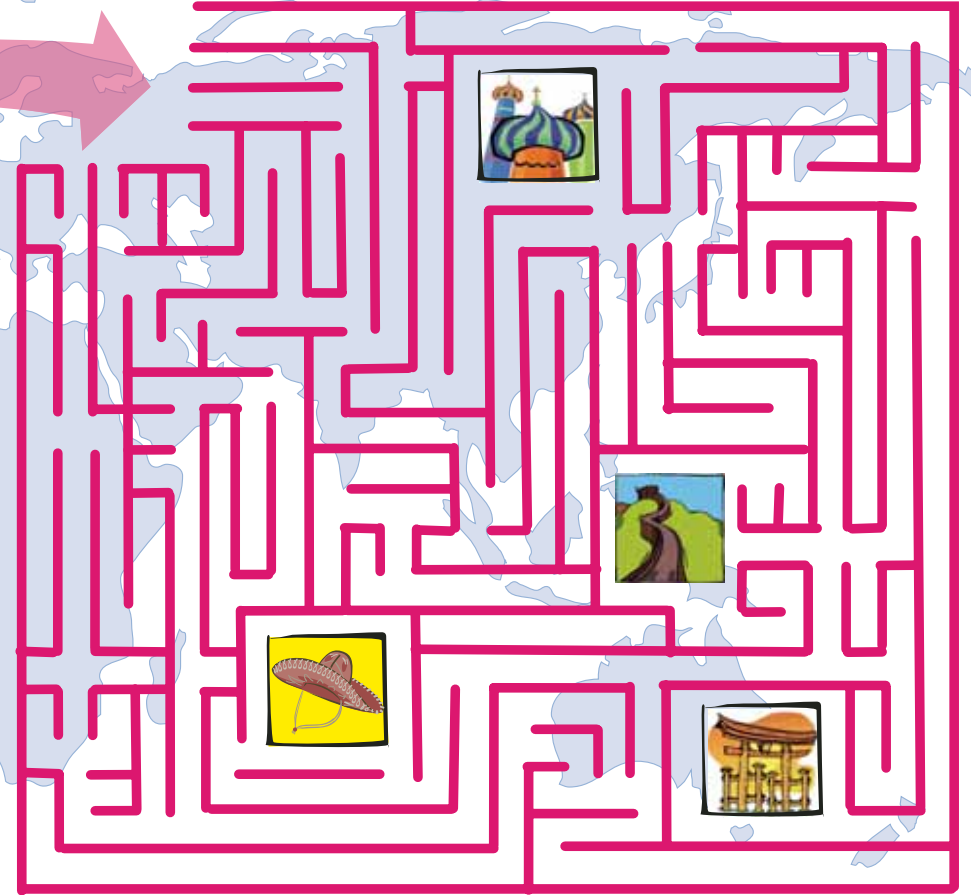
Hogs are fully grown at about 6 months of age and weigh about 250 lbs. or 115 kg. When a hog is fully grown, it is ready to be sold.



# Where pigs fly...

The pork from Manitoba hogs is sold to countries all over the world.

People in far away countries like Japan, Russia, China and Mexico enjoy eating the wonderful pork that we produce in Manitoba.



# More than just Pork

We get much more than food from hogs. Medicines, lipstick, paints, brushes and soaps are some of the other things that we get from hogs.

Lots of people have jobs that depend on pork – about 15,000 people in Manitoba.

They work in jobs such as farmers, veterinarians, truckers, butchers, scientists, and many others.

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*Find the following products we get from pigs.*

PUTTY  
GLUE  
COSMETICS  
GLASS

CRAYONS  
BONE CHINA  
PLASTICS  
FLOOR WAX

GLOVES  
RUBBER  
CEMENT

## Did You Know??

A mother pig constantly sings to her piglets while nursing by making a variety of different sounds?

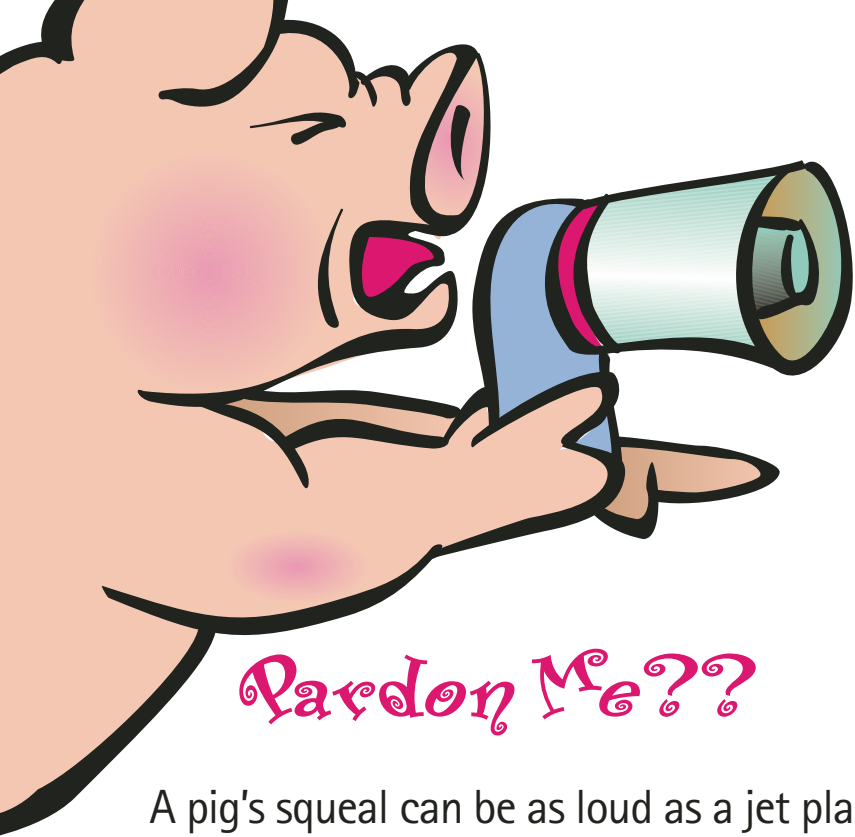
*Join the dots.*



## Sweating like a pig...

Pigs prefer to be clean. If they roll in wet mud it is to cool off or find relief from biting insects. Pigs don't have sweat glands and are very sensitive to warm temperatures.





A pig's squeal can be as loud as a jet plane taking off. People taking care of pigs often wear special earmuffs to protect their hearing.

*No Way!*

A pig can run a mile in seven minutes.

