



**Guided Activity: Swine**

<https://vimeo.com/408920181>

<https://youtu.be/DdBVArA6R6Q>

**Words to Know:** (recommended for all grades)

- Swine: a word used to refer to pigs
- Sow: a mature, female pig that has delivered a litter of piglets
- Boar: a mature, male pig
- Gilt: a young, female pig before having piglets
- Piglets: baby pigs
- Gestation period: length of time that a piglet develops in the womb

**Draw Your Favorite Pork:** (recommended for grades K-4)

- Grab sidewalk chalk and draw all the foods you eat that come from a pig. Think about it – there are more than you might think!

**Trivia Time:** (recommended for grades 2-6)

Play a trivia game with the people in your house or with your friends via video or phone. See who listened to the video and can answer these fun questions!

**Question #1:** How much do sows weigh?

**Question #2:** Do pigs like to be cool in the summertime like you do?

**Question #3:** Do pigs sweat like you do when you play outside?

**Question #4:** True or False: Insulin (used by diabetes patients) comes from pigs?

**Question #5:** How many months, weeks, and days is a 114-day gestation period that sows have?

**Question #6:** What are the different barns that pigs are raised in?



**Question #7:** True or False: Farrowing crates are important, so sows don't accidentally lay down on top of their little piglets?

**Question #8:** What age are piglets when they start eating feed rather than drinking their mother's milk?

**Question #9:** What crop that is grown in Texas is used in pig feed?

**Question #10:** What was the original football called and why?

**Question #11:** True or False: Pigs are identified with ear tags in their ears?

**Identify Your Pig:** (recommended for grades 2-6)

The video told how pigs are identified at birth. Try identifying your own pig!

What You need:

- Pencil
- Construction paper
- Scissors

Follow these steps:

**Step 1:** Review the sample ear notches below.

**Step 2:** Cut out a pig face using the construction paper and the pig face outline below.

**Step 3:** Use the following litter number and individual pig number.

Grades 2-3:

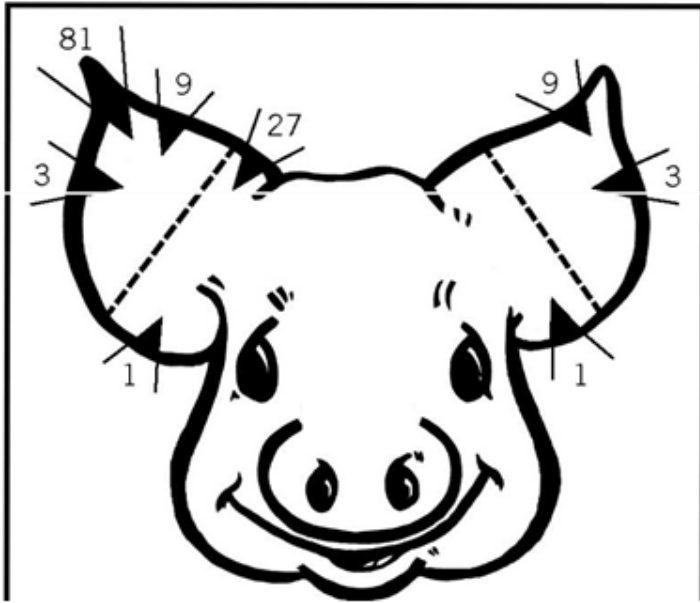
Litter #: 12 ● Pig #: 4

Grades 4-6:

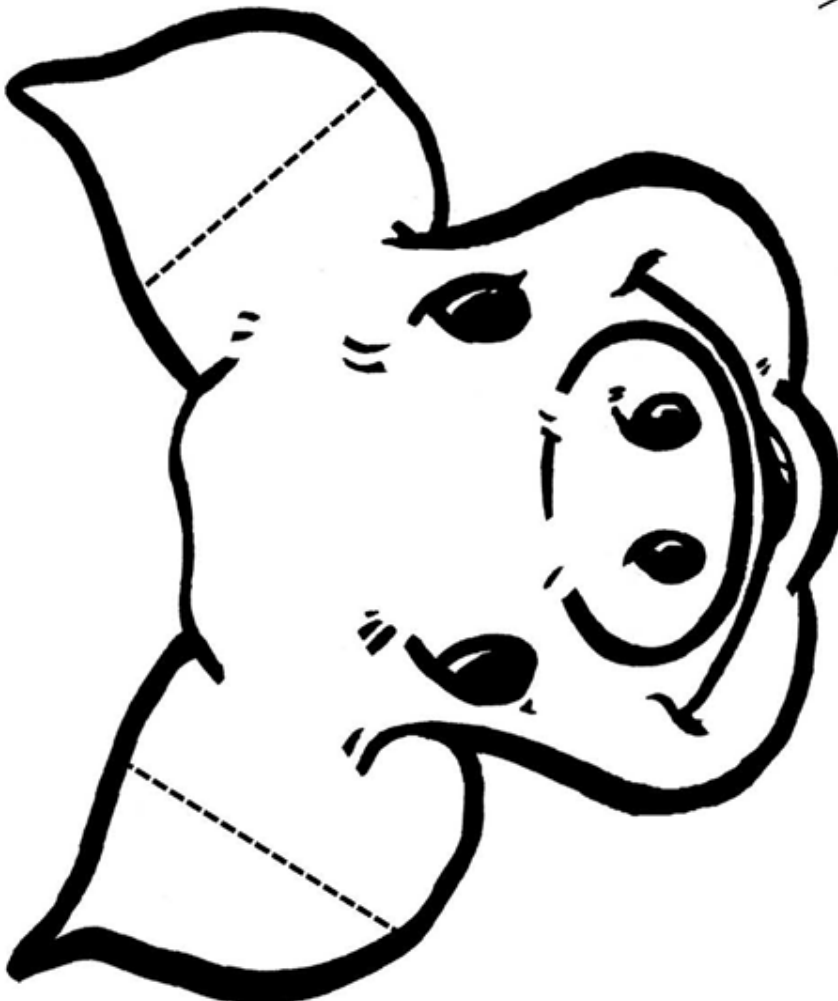
Litter #: 40 ● Pig #: 15

**Step 4:** Using a pencil, draw the ear notches on your pig's ear. Have someone at home check your math!

**Step 5:** Once you are ready, use scissors to notch your pig's ears.



Notching Guide



Litter 4, Pig 1

Litter Mark: The right ear is used for the litter mark. All pigs from the same litter must have the same ear notches in this ear. The right ear is on the pig's own right.



Litter 15, Pig 7

Individual Pig Marks: The left ear is used for notches to show individual pig number in the litter. Each pig will have different notches in this ear