

Waltur Buys a Pig in a Poke

Waltur**Matilda****Darwin****Pig**

Fill in the blanks below. Use one of the names from the box above. You may use a name more than once.

1. _____ wants a pet.
2. _____ does not want a pet.
3. _____ decides to buy a _____ as a pet.
4. _____ says that pigs are dirty.
5. _____ warns Waltur not to buy a pig in a poke.
6. Waltur buys a _____ in a box.
7. The pig tells _____ to get it a hot dog.
8. _____ gets the pig a hot dog and slippers.
9. _____ takes the pig home.
10. _____ learns that you should not buy what you cannot see.

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After each question, underline the sentence that answers why.

1. Long ago, farmers sold their animals at markets and fairs. Some dishonest farmers said they had a baby pig in a bag. But the bag did not have a pig inside.

Why did a dishonest farmer not put a pig inside the bag?

He wanted to keep the pig but also get money for selling it.

He was afraid the buyer wouldn't like the pig.

2. A dishonest farmer couldn't give the buyer an empty bag. So he put a different animal inside the bag and said it was a pig.

Why couldn't a dishonest farmer give the buyer an empty bag?

The dishonest farmer didn't have enough bags.

The buyer would know that there was nothing in the bag.

3. A dishonest farmer usually put a cat inside the bag.

Why did the dishonest farmer choose a cat?

Cats would pretend that they were pigs.

Cats cost a lot less money than pigs cost.

4. Some buyers opened the bags before they paid their money.

Why did some buyers open the bags?

They wanted to see what they were paying for.

They didn't like cats.

Waltur Counts His Chickens Before They Are Hatched

Each word on the left side is from the story. In front of each story word, write the letter that tells the correct meaning.

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| _____ | 1. hen | a. plants with sharp, thorny parts |
| _____ | 2. hatch | b. to swap one thing for another thing |
| _____ | 3. fix | c. a sweet food made by bees |
| _____ | 4. trade | d. a way or method for doing something |
| _____ | 5. plan | e. to put things in a pile |
| _____ | 6. snout | f. to make something right |
| _____ | 7. sneak | g. a female chicken |
| _____ | 8. brambles | h. to act in a secret way |
| _____ | 9. honey | i. the nose or jaw of an animal's head |
| _____ | 10. stack | j. to come out of an egg |

Waltur Counts His Chickens Before They Are Hatched

In each group of three sentences, write the number 1 in front of what happened first. Write 2 in front of what happened second. And write 3 in front of what happened third.

_____ Waltur decided to buy eggs.

_____ Waltur and Matilda walked in the woods.

_____ Waltur saw a sign: HONEY 4 SALE.

_____ Matilda put a box in the backyard and made a nest in the box.

_____ Waltur began to count the eggs.

_____ Waltur put all the eggs into the nest.

_____ Matilda said that Waltur had one chicken.

_____ Waltur really wanted to know how many chickens he had.

_____ Waltur asked Matilda to go count his chickens.

_____ Waltur ran into the back yard and put brambles along the fence.

_____ Waltur lay down next to the hen to help her.

_____ Matilda said that a fox might eat the eggs.

_____ The baby ducks followed Waltur into the house.

_____ Waltur heard a *Peck-peck-peck* sound.

_____ “Quack,” said the first baby duck.

Waltur Leads a Horse to Water

Circle **Yes** if a sentence is true. Circle **No** if it is not true.

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| Yes | No | 1. When this story begins, Matilda wants to dig holes. |
| Yes | No | 2. Waltur loves to count bugs. |
| Yes | No | 3. Waltur tries to get Matilda to do something she doesn't want to do. |
| Yes | No | 4. Matilda says that you can lead a horse to water but you can't make it drink. |
| Yes | No | 5. Matilda says that she can make a horse drink. |
| Yes | No | 6. The horse lets Waltur lead it to the water. |
| Yes | No | 7. When Waltur tells it to drink, the horse drinks. |
| Yes | No | 8. Waltur wants to drink the water. |
| Yes | No | 9. Waltur learns that he cannot make others do what he wants them to do if they don't feel like doing it. |
| Yes | No | 10. At the end, the horse drinks water because it wants to. |

Waltur Leads a Horse to Water

Think about what happens in this story. One of the three paragraphs below best tells what the story shows. Circle that paragraph.

Waltur has fun digging holes. He teaches his friend Matilda how to dig holes. She has fun digging holes, too. Then Waltur learns how to count bugs. He thinks that counting bugs is a lot of fun. At the end, Waltur and Matilda count bugs while the horse swims in the water.

Waltur has fun digging holes. He thinks that everybody should love doing this. Waltur leads a horse to water and tries to make it drink, but the horse runs away. Waltur learns that he shouldn't try to make others do what he wants. At the end, Waltur, Matilda, and the horse all have fun.

Matilda wants Waltur to count bugs, but Waltur wants to dig holes. Matilda and Waltur ask a horse which is better, counting bugs or digging holes. The horse cannot decide until it drinks some water. The horse decides that jumping over things is the most fun. At the end, Matilda and Waltur watch the horse jump over things.

ANSWER KEY

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1. Waltur
2. Matilda
3. Waltur/Pig
4. Darwin
5. Matilda
6. Pig
7. Waltur
8. Darwin
9. Darwin
10. Waltur

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1. He wanted to keep the pig but also get money for selling it.
2. The buyer would know that there was nothing in the bag.
3. Cats cost a lot less money than pigs cost.
4. They wanted to see what they were paying for.

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1. g
2. j
3. f
4. b
5. d

6. i
7. h
8. a
9. c
10. e

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- 1-3-2
- 3-1-2
- 2-3-1
- 3-1-2

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1. No
2. No
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. No
6. Yes
7. No
8. No
9. Yes
10. Yes

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The center paragraph best tells what the story is about.