

Waltur Buys a Pig in a Poke

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.