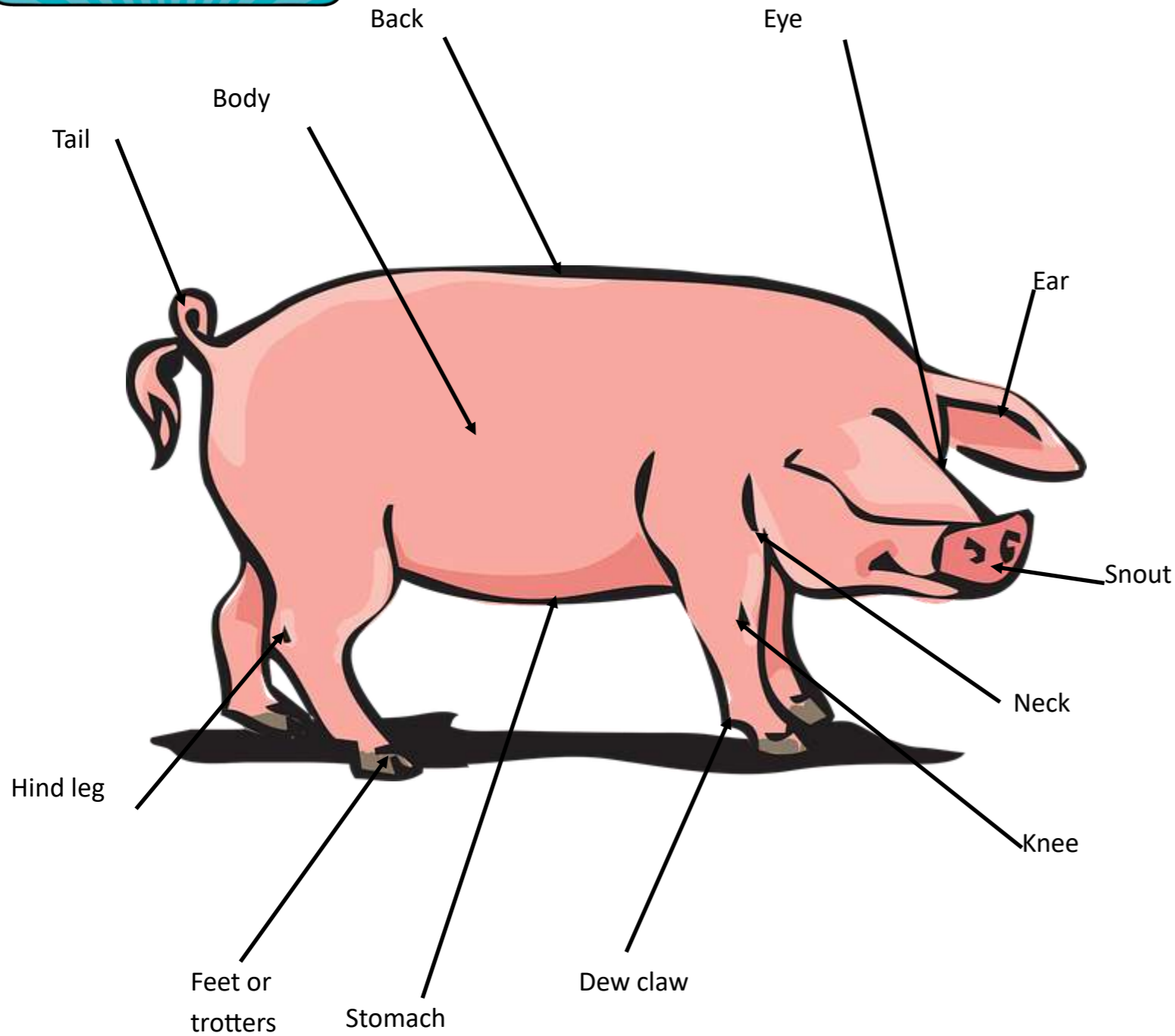














Pigs are intelligent animals.



-  Like humans, pigs are omnivores, meaning they eat both plants and other animals.
-  A pig's snout is an important tool for finding food in the ground and sensing the world around them.
-  Pigs have an excellent sense of smell.
-  Pigs live in a pigsty.
-  Pigs will often be seen rolling in mud, they do this to protect there skin from the sun, ticks and other insects.
-  There are around 2 billion pigs in the world.
-  Humans farm pigs for meat such as pork, bacon and ham.
-  Some people like to keep pigs as pets.
-  Wild pigs (boar) are often hunted in the wild.
-  Relative to their body size, pigs have small lungs.
-  Pigs are also known as hogs or swine.





A Male pig is called a Boar

A group of pigs is called a drift or a drove

A group of piglets is called a litter

The weakest and smallest piglet in a litter is called a runt

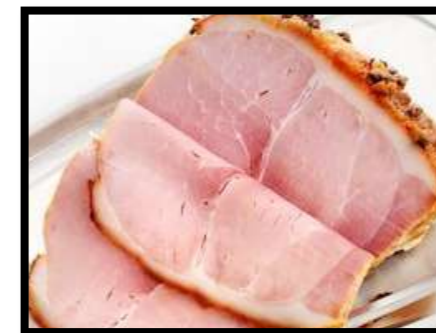
We get meat from pigs:



Pork chops



Pork sausages



Ham



Bacon



A female pig is called a sow

If she has not had any piglets yet, she is called a gilt .

A baby pig is called a piglet



Where do pigs live?

Pigs live in sties also called pig pens. Sometimes pigs are kept in little huts called arks when they live outside on a farm



What is the gestational period for a pig?

A sow can give birth to a litter containing 7 to 12 piglets, about twice a year.

A sow's pregnancy last for 114 days, which is 3 months, 3 weeks and 3 days.



Piglets

A baby pig or piglet weighs about 1.5 kilograms (a bag and a half of sugar) at birth, and will double in weight in just 7 days.

Piglets drink milk from their mothers. They begin to eat solid food at 3 months old, just like human babies.



What do pigs eat?

Pigs are omnivores, so they eat meat and plants. They like to eat worms, snakes, pig pellets, corn, cereal and table scraps.



Even though pigs have their feed and table scraps, they never eat too much. They only eat what they need.

Do pigs have teeth?

Pigs can have 34 or 44 teeth. Some wild pigs have tusks for digging and fighting.



Communication

Pigs make grunting sounds to show that they are happy or to give a warning.

Sometimes they squeal when they are sad.



Do pigs make friends?

Pigs are very social animals. They form close bonds with each other and other species. Pigs enjoy close contact and will lie close together when resting.



Do pigs sleep?

Yes, they snooze after play. Pigs sleep at night for long periods of time.



Pig's senses

Pigs are good at hearing and smelling. They put everything in their mouths and use their sense of taste too.



How does a pig use its snout?

A pig uses its snout to root for food and to dig.

Pigs have poor eyesight and small eyes.

Do pigs sweat?

No, they cannot sweat because they do not have sweat glands.

They roll around in the mud to keep cool. This is called wallowing in the mud.



There are hundreds of breeds of the domestic pigs. Here are just a few.

Breeds of Pig

