

# This Little Pig

**Objective:** To teach students breeds and uses of domestic pigs.

**Materials:**

- Pink Foam
- Pink and Black buttons
- Pink Ribbon (this should be wrapping or packaging ribbon)
- Decorative eyes
- Magnets
- Tape
- Paper
- Glue

**10 to 15 minutes;** Discuss Pig Breeds (See below)

Show pictures and discuss the breeds of pigs.

**10 to 15 minutes;** Pig Breed Game

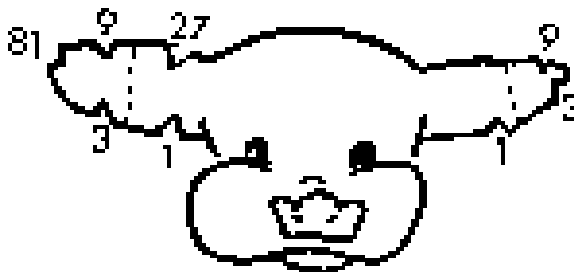
Tape a piece of paper with the name of a different pig breed to the back of each child. Make sure the student doesn't know his or her breed. Using a list of characteristics, ask the students to figure out their breed by asking classmates 'yes' or 'no' questions. The first to guess their breed is the winner!

**10 to 15 minutes;** Discuss Ear Notching and Ear Notching Worksheet

Ear notching is a way of identifying pigs. A number is assigned to each notch. Using the worksheet below, ask students to ID each pig by their ear notches. The picture below can be copied or drawn for students to reference.

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

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



**15 to 20 minutes; Pig Magnet**

Using foam, buttons and eyes, make a foam magnet.

**Instructions:**

Cut a circle (about a 3 inch diameter) out of pink foam.

Using triangular pink foam pieces, glue on the ears.

Glue eyes and a pink button on for the nose.

Glue two black buttons at the bottom of the circle for the feet.

Curl a short piece of pink ribbon and glue on the back for a tail.

Add the magnet to the back.

# Ear Notching Worksheet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Identify the litter number and individual number for the notchings at left:

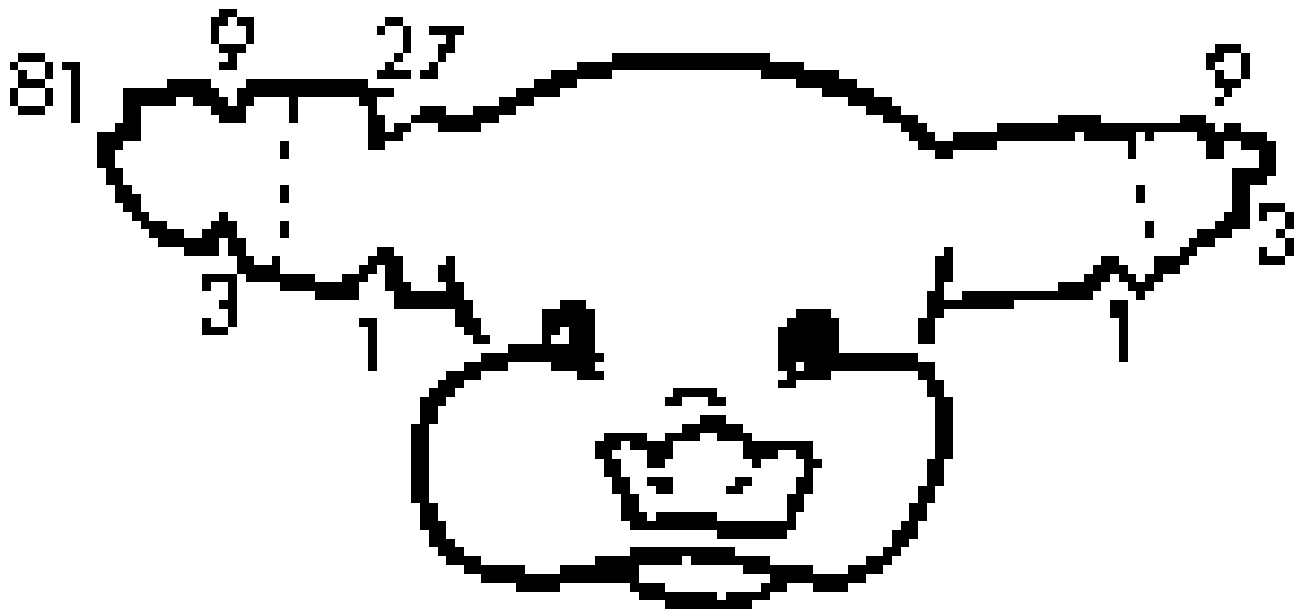


1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

In the space below, draw the notchings for the following pigs:

6. Litter 41, Pig 12
7. Litter 105, Pig 7
8. Litter 123, Pig 14
9. Litter 73, Pig 2
10. Litter 54, Pig 15

<b>6.</b>	<b>7.</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>9.</b>
<b>10.</b>	



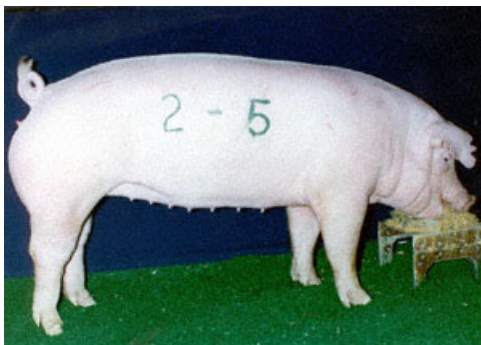
# PIG BREED INFORMATION

Berkshire:



- \* Black with white feet, and a splash of white on the face.
- \* Ears are erect

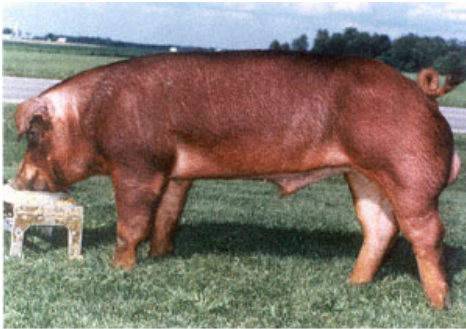
Chester White:



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- \* All white
- \* Flopped ears
- \* Mother breed

Duroc:



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- \* All red
- \* Flopped ears
- \* Meat breed

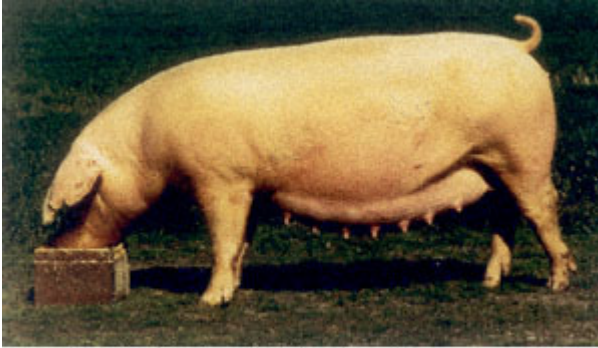
Hampshire:



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- \* Black with white belt, almost like an oreo cookie
- \* Erect ears
- \* Meat breed

## Landrace:



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- \* White
- \* Large, flopped ears
- \* Largest of all breeds
- \* Mother Breed

## Poland China:



- \* Usually black with some white
- \* Flopped ears
- \* Meat breed

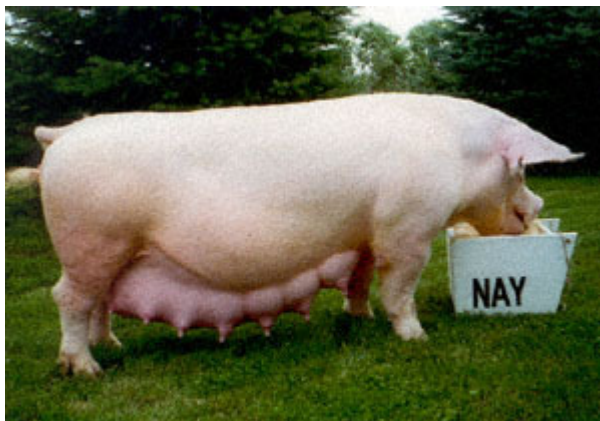
## Spot:



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- \* White with black spots
- \* Flopped ears
- \* Meat breed

## Yorkshire:



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- \* Predominately white
- \* Small, erect ears
- \* Short snouts
- \* Mother breed