Pigs are interesting animals.

They have four legs.

They have a small tail.

They have a round, flat nose. Their nose is called a snout.

They make funny sounds. They grunt and squeal.

They lay in the mud to keep cool.

A pig will eat almost anything!

Questions:

1) What does a snout look like?
   A. small and fat
   B. round and flat
   C. long and thin
   D. big and square

2) What might a pig do if it is hot?
   A. take a shower
   B. drink warm water
   C. move into the barn
   D. lay in the mud

3) What does a pig eat?
   A. corn
   B. meat
   C. carrots
   D. all of the above

Do you like pigs? Why or why not?
Answers and Explanations

1) B

In the middle of the story, it says that pigs “have a round, flat nose. Their nose is called a snout.” We can understand from this information that a snout is round and flat. Therefore (B) is correct. Pigs have a small tail, but not a small nose, so (A) is incorrect. The story does not provide information to support answer choices (C) and (D). Therefore they are incorrect.

2) D

Near the end, the story says that pigs “lay in the mud to keep cool.” We can understand from this that if a pig is hot, it might lay in the mud to cool down. Therefore (D) is correct.

The story says that pigs like to grunt and squeal, but the story does not say that pigs grunt and squeal when they are hot. Therefore (A) is incorrect. Drinking cold water does seem like a good way to cool down, but the story tells us that pigs lay in the mud to keep cool. Therefore (B) is incorrect. While moving into the barn might also seem like a way to cool off, the story tells us that pigs lay in the mud to keep cool. Therefore (C) is incorrect.

3) D

At the end, the story says, “A pig will eat almost anything!” We can understand from this that a pig will eat any type of food, so a pig will eat corn, meat or carrots. We can only choose one answer. Therefore (D) is correct.

While it is true that a pig will eat corn, meat or carrots, we can only choose one correct answer. We cannot choose one of these over any other. Therefore (A), (B) and (C) are incorrect.