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Level 0 – 21st March, 2021

Pigs are intelligent enough to play video games

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Pigs are intelligent and can play video games. Researchers tested their gaming skills. The researchers got four pigs to play a simple game at different levels. They moved a joystick with their nose to move a cursor. If they did it, they got a treat. The lead researcher said the pigs could understand what to do. The pigs spent many days playing the game on three different levels. The higher levels had nicer treats. A scientist said: "The pigs clearly understood the connection between their own behavior, the joystick, and what was happening on the screen." The researchers want to understand how pigs learn and understand.

Sources: <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/pigs-can-learn-play-video-games-if-tempted-treats-180977018/>
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<https://bigthink.com/surprising-science/pig-intelligence>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Pigs are | a. a joystick |
| 2. play | b. skills |
| 3. Researchers tested their gaming | c. levels |
| 4. play a simple | d. to do |
| 5. at different | e. cursor |
| 6. They moved | f. intelligent |
| 7. move a | g. video games |
| 8. understand what | h. game |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. The pigs spent many | a. treats |
| 2. on three different | b. to understand how |
| 3. The higher levels had nicer | c. behavior |
| 4. The pigs clearly | d. and understand |
| 5. their own | e. days playing |
| 6. what was happening | f. levels |
| 7. The researchers want | g. on the screen |
| 8. how pigs learn | h. understood |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Pigs are intelligent (1) _____ video games.

Researchers (2) _____ skills. The researchers got

four (3) _____ a simple game at different levels.

They moved a joystick (4) _____ to move a

cursor. If they did it, they (5) _____. The lead

researcher (6) _____ could understand what to

do.

The pigs (7) _____ playing the game on three

different levels. The higher levels (8) _____. A

scientist said: "(9) _____ understood the

connection between (10) _____, the joystick, and

what was happening (11) _____." The

researchers want to understand (12) _____ and

understand.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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PIGS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about pigs in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

