

## Are You Aware?

Cows are sturdy yet gentle animals. They are very social and form strong bonds (attachments) with their families and friends. Some of the bonds last their entire lives. The bond between a cow and her calf is especially powerful. If a mother is caught on the opposite side of a fence from her calf, she will become upset and call frantically. If they remain separated, she will stay by the fence waiting to be reunited with her baby. Blizzards, hunger, and thirst won't tear her away. This bond continues even after the calf is fully grown.

1. The best summary of this paragraph is

- Cows form close relationships.
- Cows like to be near fences.
- Cows are sturdy animals.

2. In this paragraph, *bond* means

- musical group
- certificate
- relationship

Pigs are very vocal and communicate constantly with one another. More than 20 of their *vocalizations* (sounds) have been identified. Pigs most often say "gronk" (commonly known as "oink"). "Baawrp" means they're happy. Newborn piglets learn to run to their mother's voice. A mother pig "sings" to her young while she's nursing them. Besides their own singing, pigs also enjoy listening to music that people make.

3. What is the best title for this paragraph?

- "Listen Closely—Pigs Have a Lot to Say"
- "Silent Sows"
- "Pigs Party"

4. A pig who says "baawrp"

- is angry
- is in a good mood
- has a stomachache

Have you ever heard someone described as a "mother hen"? That's usually someone who fusses over the people she loves. That's just how real mother hens act. A mother hen begins caring for her chicks before they are even born. She turns her eggs as many as five times an hour, clucking softly to them. After they hatch, she carefully watches over her chicks. She teaches them what to eat, how to drink, where to roost (sleep), and how to avoid enemies.

5. The main point of this paragraph is

- Some people are called hens.
- Mother hens take good care of their chicks.
- Hens are picky and fussy.

6. According to this paragraph,

- Hens teach chicks what to eat.
- Newborn chicks are on their own.
- Hens turn their chicks as many as five times an hour after they're born.

