

Farm Animals

by Scholastic, Inc.

This book is an ideal early reader for your child, combining simple words and sentences with stunning color photography of real-life animals.



Read

Before:

Introduce the book and tell the children a little bit about it. Follow that with a comment or question that is related to the story such as, *Who knows someone who lives on a farm?* Encourage a discussion so the children can comment, ask questions, and express their feelings. Set the stage for listening by asking an "I wonder" statement based on the cover illustration.

- I wonder why pigs are so messy?

During:

Encourage the children to comment on the illustrations and ask questions. Point out "rare words" (e.g., those words that are not commonly used in every day conversation) and help the children relate the meaning in a way that makes sense to them.

Rare Words in *Farm Animals*

- snort: to make a harsh sound by forcing air through the nostrils
- cluck: to imitate the short low clicking sound made by a hen
- ewe: a fully grown female (mother) sheep
- ram: a fully grown male (father) sheep
- shear: to cut hair
- wool: yarn spun from the short curly hair of sheep or other animals
- yelp: to say something in a sharp high-pitched voice
- grunt: to make the half-nasal, half-throaty noise that a pig makes
- strut: to walk in a stiff or proud way
- perch: a place for a bird to land or rest, e.g. a branch or a pole in a cage
- gallop: the fastest pace of a horse, in which all four feet are off the ground at the same time
- waterproof: unaffected by water
- horn: a pointed bone that grows out of the head of animals like goats and cows
- sneak: to move in a secretive way
- cheese: a food that is made out of milk
- wing: a part of a bird or insect that it uses for flying
- feather: a soft light thing that covers the body of a bird and helps it to fly
- paw: an animal's foot

After:

Discuss the story. Ask questions...

- What kind of animal has a beard and horns? On his feet all day? Scratches for food? Makes milk so you can eat cheese? Digs roots with its snout?
- What is a daddy sheep called? Mother sheep?
- What does a dog do when it feels happy?
- How does a farmer talk to his sheepdog?
- How were horses once used on the farm?
- What is goats' milk used for?
- What do chickens use their wings for?
- How do pigs keep cool?
- How do ducks keep dry?
- What does a billy goat have on his head?
- Which animal does yogurt come from?
- How can a cat see at night?
- What does a goose eat?



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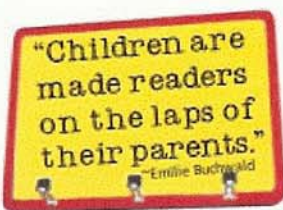
Farm Animal Medley

Make enough copies of the attached *Farm Animals* printable for as many children as you need (one animal figure per child). Have the children draw a figure from a hat and imitate the sound that particular animal makes.

My Name: _____

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Animal Figures



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