



PIG TALES

Activity Pages

EVERYTHING BUT THE OINK

What do marshmallows and chalk have in common? Bet you didn't know they are both made from parts of the pig! It's very important to pig producers in Ontario that nothing goes to waste. There are 12 more things that may be made from parts of the pig hidden in the word search.

Can you help Hannah find the following by-products in the word search?



- SOAP
- DOG TREATS
- MARSHMALLOWS
- FERTILIZER

- DEODORANT
- CRAYONS
- TOOTHPASTE
- CHINA

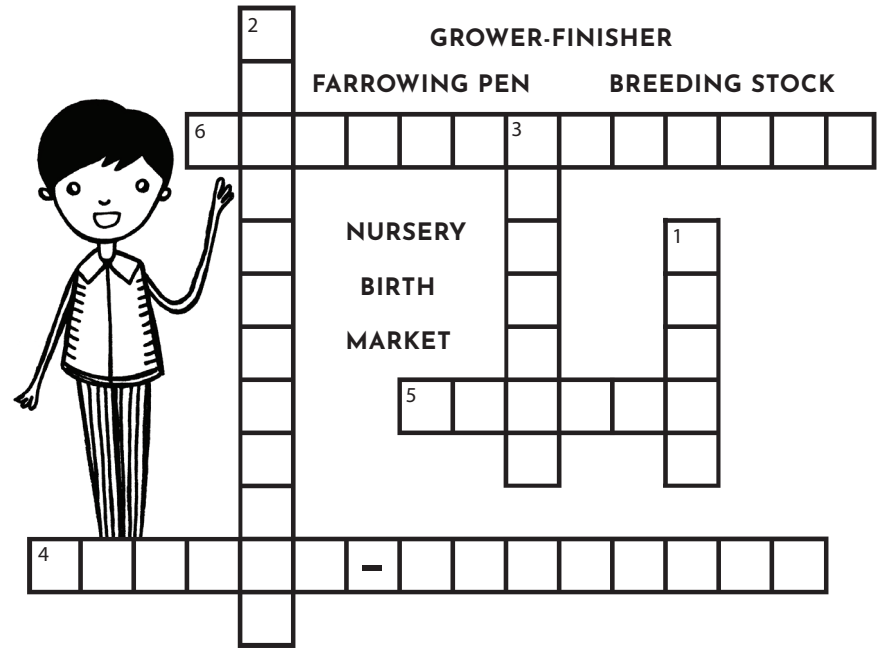
- GLUE
- CHALK
- MATCHES
- GUM

Other pig by-products help people. Insulin can help people with diabetes and pigs can provide new heart valves for people who need them.

LIFE OF A PIG

Pigs have a unique lifestyle compared to many other farm animals raised in Canada.

Help Mario complete this crossword puzzle about the life of a pig. Read the clues below and fill in the correct answer.



1. A sow's gestation (pregnancy) lasts 3 months, 3 weeks and 3 days. On average a sow will have 10 to 14 piglets in a litter and gives ____.
2. This setup is designed to keep piglets safe while they nurse from the sow. Piglets stay with the sow for 3 to 4 weeks in a _____. (2 words)
3. When piglets are weaned from the sow, they are moved to a warm _____ area. They eat grain-based feed and can play with enrichment toys.
4. After a pig leaves the nursery it is called a _____-. _____. These pigs are raised in an area where they have lots of access to food and water. They stay there until they reach approximately 250 lbs. (2 words)
5. Then the hogs are sent to _____. Each animal is inspected at the processing plant. Workers follow strict government guidelines for processing and handling animals.
6. Farmers select the pigs with the most desirable traits to stay on the farm to add to their herd or replace existing pigs. They are called _____-. (2 words)

JOKE: What do you call a pig driving a car?

ANSWER: A road hog.