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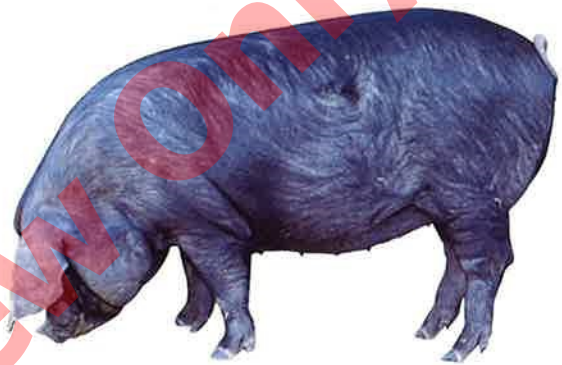
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All sorts of pigs

Some pigs are pink or white,
and some are black.









Some are brown,
and some have spots.

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Some pigs have two colours.



Wild piglets have stripes.



There are many sorts of pigs, but all of them can run fast on their hard little feet, called trotters.



Which piglets have stripes?

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Boars, sows and piglets

Male pigs are called boars, female pigs are called sows, and baby pigs are called piglets.



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Wild piglets have stripes.

A sow has two litters of piglets each year. There are many piglets in every litter. Most sows have about 10 piglets, but some sows have many more.



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What is a sow?

Young piglets

Piglets are very small
when they are born,
but they can run about.
They run to find
their mother's milk.
This sow is feeding
eleven piglets at once!



A sow is a female pig.

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Sows are very big and heavy.
When a sow lies down,
she sometimes lies on a piglet
and crushes it.
So the farmer fences off
a warm safe place for the piglets.
They creep under the fence
after they have been fed.



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What is the fence for?