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T: understand a poem

1. What is your opinion of Piggy? Why?
2. If you were the pig would you have killed the farmer? Why?
3. Why might the farmer kill the pig, even if he isn't a really cruel man?
4. Was it fair that the pig ate the farmer? Why?
5. What are you told about the pig that might have helped him to defeat the farmer?
6. What do you think the word 'hunch' means? (It is in the 4<sup>th</sup> from last line)
7. What do you think 'chitterlings' might be?
8. What does it mean that the question 'nearly drove him round the bend'?
9. What does it tell you about Piggy that 'slowly he scratched his brainy head'?
10. Why might it be surprising that 'Piggy felt absolutely no remorse (guilt)'?
11. Why did piggy yell 'By gum, I've got the answer'?
12. Why did piggy have a **little** smile?

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14. Write an alternative ending for the story of the poem.

## Answers

1. Any logical answer with a suitable justification.
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3. He likes pork / he needs to sell the meat to make money
4. Yes - the farmer would have eaten him otherwise  
No - people and animals shouldn't kill each other
5. That he is intelligent
6. Idea / guess
7. Part of the pig / a type of pork (it is actually the pig's intestines)
8. It nearly drove him crazy / mad
9. He was thinking
10. You might expect an intelligent animal to feel bad after killing another intelligent animal.
11. Because he was thinking about the question for a long time and was pleased / relieved / happy / surprised to work out the answer
12. Because he was pleased with himself and looked a bit evil / naughty, but he wasn't laughing or delighted.

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