

English - Animal Farm

Lesson 12: Deceit on the farm

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For some animals who struggle to read, the seven commandments are adapted to...

Option 1

Four legs good, two legs bad.

Option 2

Two legs good, four legs bad.

Option 3

We must work harder.

Option 4

Pigs know best.



Which of the following is a correct definition of deceit?

Option 1

Playing a trick on someone.

Option 3

Controlling other people.

Option 2

Being dishonest about something.

Option 4

Hiding the truth from others.



The mystery of where the milk went to was soon cleared up. It was mixed every day into the pigs' mash. The early apples were now ripening, and the grass of the orchard was littered with windfalls. The animals had assumed as a matter of course that these would be shared out equally; one day, however, the order went forth that all the windfalls were to be collected and brought to the harness-room for the use of the pigs. At this some of the other animals murmured, but it was no use. All the pigs were in full agreement on this point, even Snowball and Napoleon. Squealer was sent to make the necessary explanations to the others.



The milk and apples were being taken by the pigs.

True

False



"Comrades!" he cried. "You do not imagine, I hope, that we pigs are doing this in a spirit of selfishness and privilege? Many of us actually dislike milk and apples. I dislike them myself. Our sole object in taking these things is to **preserve** our health. Milk and apples (this has been proved by Science, comrades) contain substances absolutely necessary to the well-being of a pig. We pigs are brainworkers. The whole management and organisation of this farm depend on us. Day and night we are watching over your **welfare**. It is for YOUR sake that we drink that milk and eat those apples. Do you know what would happen if we pigs failed in our duty? Jones would come back! Yes, Jones would come back! Surely, comrades," cried Squealer almost pleadingly, skipping from side to side and whisking his tail, "surely there is no one among you who wants to see Jones come back?"



How does Squealer explain the pigs taking the milk and apples? (more than one correct answer).

Option 1

Squealer says the pigs need the nutrition for their brainwork.

Option 3

Squealer says they are doing it for the benefit of the animals.

Option 2

Squealer says if they did not take the milk, Jones would come back.

Option 4

Squealer says Farmer Jones made them do it.



Now if there was one thing that the animals were completely certain of, it was that they did not want Jones back. When it was put to them in this light, they had no more to say. The importance of keeping the pigs in good health was all too obvious. So it was agreed without further argument that the milk and the windfall apples (and also the main crop of apples when they ripened) should be reserved for the pigs alone.



Squealer uses rhetoric to manipulate the animals into believing the pigs needed the milk and apples.

True

False



Complete the following sentences

- We see deceit on the farm when...
- Squealer explains the deceit on the farm by...
- The animals believe Squealer because...

