

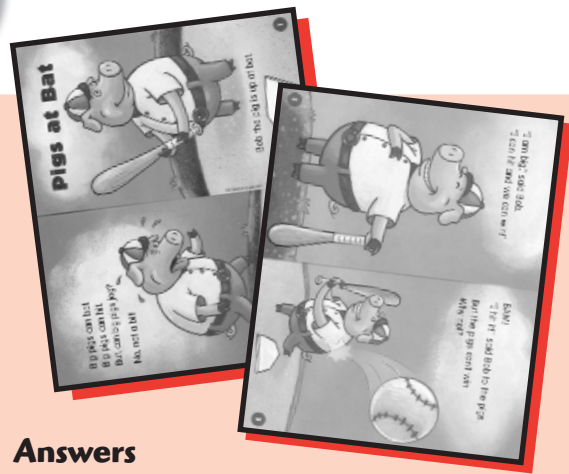
Take-Home Book

Pigs at Bat

★ GOALS ★

Children will:

- Listen to the story *Pigs at Bat*
- Associate text with pictures
- Respond to a written story



Answers

pp. 89–90 Circle: "I can hit and we can win!"
Big pigs can bat. Big pigs can hit.

PREPARE

Assemble the story Have children remove pages 89–90. Help them cut and fold the pages to make the Take-Home Book *Pigs at Bat*.

Preview the story Ask a volunteer to read the title aloud. Invite children to look at the pictures and talk about what they see. Ask children to predict what the story is about.

STORY

Pages 89–90

- 1 Listen to the story** Play the CD and have children listen to the story.

Pigs at Bat

Bob the pig is up at bat.

"I am big," said Bob.

"I can hit and we can win!"

BAM!

"I hit it!" said Bob to the pigs.

But the pigs can't win. Why not?

Big pigs can bat.

Big pigs can hit.

But, can big pigs jog?

No, not a bit!

Ask children to point to the words with you as they listen to the story. Invite children to read along.

- 2 Read the story** Read the story aloud. Have children repeat each sentence after you. Encourage children to reread the story several times in groups, with partners, or to the teacher.

- 3 Talk about the story** Ask children what they liked the most about the story. Ask them to talk about Bob the Pig and what happened to him. Then ask questions about the story. For example, *Who is Bob?* (Bob is a pig.) *What can Bob do?* (Bob can hit the ball.) *What can't Bob do?* (He can't jog.)

Ask children to circle the sentences in the story that tell what big pigs can do.

Review the answers.

ACTIVITIES

Readers' Theater Invite small groups of children to stand in front of the class to read and act out the story. Choose a volunteer to be Bob. Others in the group can be the pigs on the team. Suggest that the pigs look into the air when Bob hits the ball, clap their hands, and cheer for Bob.

I Can Invite children to draw a picture of something they can do. Then help them label their pictures: *I can* _____. Give children time to share their pictures and talk about what they can do.

Home-School Connection Send home *Pigs at Bat*. Encourage children to read the book to someone in their family.