

Pigtionary

Grade: Fourth through Eighth Grades

Subject: Language Arts

Objectives: Recognize agricultural terms.

Standards:

- Identify the use of stylistic elements in literature.
- Properly use stylistic elements in creative writing.
- Demonstrate effective nonverbal communication techniques.

Procedure: Divide class into groups (minimum two students per group). Using the attached list of clichés that incorporate an agriculture term, have the students act out (using nonverbal communication skills) each statement.

Additional Resources:

Pigtionary. Iowa Pork Producers Association.

Additional Activities: Have students write their own clichés, similes or metaphors (Language Arts).



Worksheet:

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Don't count your chickens before they're hatched	That's for the birds	Don't put all your eggs in one basket
Living high off the hog	Go hog wild	Straight from the horse's mouth
A wolf in sheep's clothing	When pigs fly	The acorn doesn't fall far from the tree
Birds of a feather flock together	Strong as an ox	To beat a dead horse
Bet the farm	Madder than a wet hen	Bring home the bacon
A cock and bull story	Raining cats and dogs	Cool as a cucumber
Don't cry over spilled milk	Light as a feather	Cry wolf
Curiosity killed the cat	Horsing around	Dark horse
Dog eat dog	In hog heaven	To eat like a horse
Fat as a pig	Stubborn as a mule	Fat as a cow
Fight like cats and dogs	That's hogwash	Get your ducks in a row
Growing like a weed	This place is a pigsty	Hold your horses