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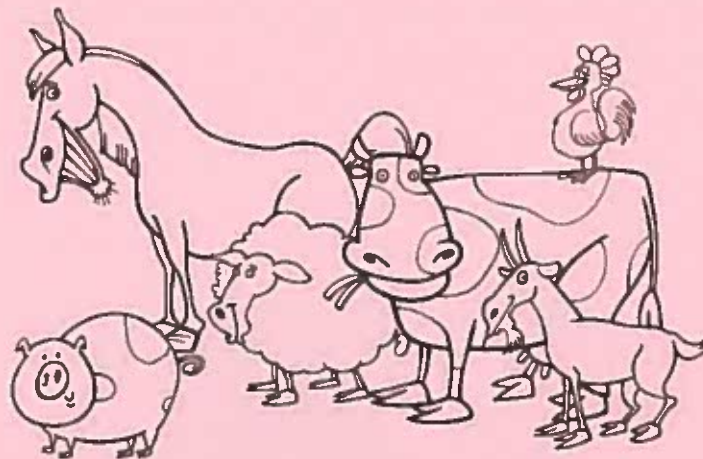
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# English Reading Practice Papers

Year 2 and 3

Book 3

## Life on the farm



## The farm

Dafydd and Non live on a farm called Bryn Bwcle. Dafydd is 8 and Non is 6.

Most of the time they are good friends but this morning they were arguing. Nel the sheepdog had 4 puppies. They were now 6 weeks old and ready to be fed with puppy food instead of Nel's milk.

Mum and dad had promised them a puppy each to look after and they both wanted the same one.

They were all beautiful, but Non wanted the one with four white paws and a cheeky grin. This one was Dafydd's choice as well.



1. Draw four lines to match what is being described.

friends

loudly

puppies

white

paws

good

arguing

beautiful

2. Find and copy one word that shows what Dafydd and Non were doing that morning.

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3. How old are Dafydd and Non?

Write in the box.

Dafydd

Non

4. Why were Dafydd and Non arguing?

Tick one.

because mum had said they could not have a puppy

because the puppies had disappeared

because they both wanted the same puppy

because it was time to go to school

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5. Find and copy the words that describe the puppy they had both chosen.

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After a lot of arguing, mum came out and asked what was the matter.

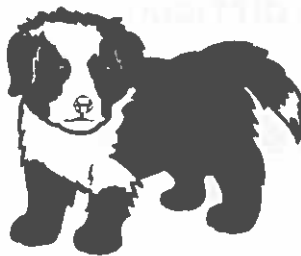
When she heard the reason for the shouting, she scolded them and told them they were very lucky to have a puppy each anyway.

As Dafydd was the eldest, he gave in, and said, "you can have him Non, and I'll choose the one with the white stripe down his nose."

Next came the job of giving them both a name. It had to be short as sheep dogs usually have short names so that they can recognise them quickly when called.

Non chose Meg for her sheepdog and Dafydd chose Pero.

During the year, Dafydd and Non had to teach the puppies to be obedient, especially when their dad was busy on the farm.



6. Put ticks to show which statements are **true** and which are **false**.

	True	False
Mum heard the children playing quietly.		
Mum said they were lucky to have a puppy each.		
Dafydd let Non have the puppy they had both chosen.		
Sheepdogs have long names.		

7. Why are there marks at the beginning and end of some of the sentences they are called quotation or speech marks) "....."

**Tick one.**

to show it is the end of the sentence

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they are extra commas

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to show they are difficult words

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because it shows somebody is talking

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8. Why do sheepdogs have short names?

Tick one.

they like short names

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they are easier for them to recognise when called

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they can't spell long words

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9. Which of these names did Dafydd and Non choose for their puppies?

Tick 2.

Glen

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Pero

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Spot

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Sal

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Meg

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Nel

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10. Find and copy the word that tells you that the puppies had to be taught to listen and obey.

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## The Countryside Code



As Dafydd and Non know, living on a farm is great fun and there are all sorts of things to do and enjoy.

If you live on a farm, then you know about the dangers that can be found, and some very important rules that you have to obey.

All of us enjoy visiting farms, seeing the animals and wildlife or having a picnic in the fields.

Here are some rules to help you keep yourself safe, and respect the countryside and enjoy yourself.

Perhaps you can think of more rules.

- Consider other people who also want to enjoy the countryside.
- Don't shout and make a lot of noise. Farm animals dislike loud noises.
- Leave everywhere as you found it. Close the gates that you found closed. Do not cut off any branches or pick wild flowers.
- If you have to take your dog with you, then you must keep it on a lead at all times. Sheep and cows do not like being chased by dogs.
- Look after the countryside. Do not leave litter, or glass bottles which could start a fire. Take all your litter home in a bag.
- If you see a sign, then make sure you obey the sign.

1. Find and copy the word that tells you what you have to do with rules.

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2. Put ticks in the boxes to show which statements are **true** and which are **false**.

	True	False
We don't enjoy visiting the countryside.		
We should respect the countryside.		
Farm animals like loud noises.		
You do not need to keep your dog on a lead.		

3. What can we do in the countryside?

Tick 2.

have a picnic

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go to a zoo

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go to the swimming pool

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see the animals and wildlife

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4. Draw 4 lines to match what is being described.

important

bottles

loud

flowers

glass

noises

wild

rules

5. Why is it important not to pick wild flowers?

Tick one.

because you can buy them in the shops

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there will be none left for others to enjoy

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they have no roots

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6. Why are there bullet points for every rule in the Country Code?

Tick one.

because they are not important

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because it is a list

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because they are easier to read

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7. Sheep and cows don't like being chased by which animal?

Tick one.

cats

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elephants

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rats

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dogs

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8. Why is it important not to leave glass bottles after your picnic?

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9. What should you do if you see a sign in the countryside?

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The farmer usually owns the land that we visit. He does not mind people walking on footpaths through the fields and farmyard, and enjoying themselves as long as they follow the Countryside Code. If you see the farmer or his family, you can ask a question and I'm sure he will answer if he is not too busy. Enjoy your time in the countryside, look after it, and it will be there for others to enjoy as well!

**Find and copy** the words in the text that tell you what will happen to the countryside if we look after it?

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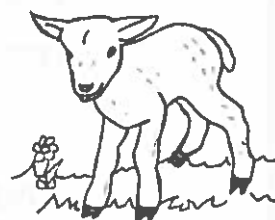
"I wish I lived in a city"

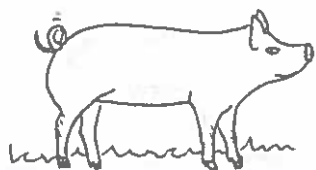
I said to my mum one day,  
"I could ride on a bus without any fuss  
And have lots of friends to play."

I would go to the cinema once a week,  
And then I'd play in the park  
And when I was tired, I'd go to bed  
Without being afraid of the dark!

My clothes would be clean and tidy,  
In pink and yellow and white  
I'd throw away my smelly farm clothes  
As far as I could, out of sight.

"But wouldn't you miss all the animals?"  
Said my mum, with her face quite sad,  
"And you couldn't feed the baby lambs  
Or tend the cows with dad."





"You'd miss all the fun at hay time,  
And watching the rabbits at dawn  
You'd never hear a piglet squeal  
I'm sure you would want to come home."

I listened to what my mum had said,  
And looked at the wonderful sight  
Of all the animals down on the farm,  
And knew that my mum was right.

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1. Draw four lines to match the words that rhyme (sound the same)

park

might

sight

dad

sad

right

white

dark

2. Find and copy three words that describe the clothes that would be worn in a city.

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3. Why would there be "lots of friends to play" in the city?

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4. Find and copy one word to describe farm clothes in the text.

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5. ...."with her face quite sad"

Why would mum's face be sad?

Tick one.

She was tired.

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She thought the child was unhappy on the farm.

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She was busy.

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Find and copy 2 things the little girl would miss if she lived in the city.

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6. Put ticks to show which sentences are **true** and which are **false**.

	True	False
I would go to the cinema twice a week.		
Mum was happy when she heard the girl wished to live in the city.		
Mum said the girl would miss the fun at hay time.		
Mum was right.		

7. What do we call this text?

Tick one

letter

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poem

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story

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poster

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