

VOCABULARY

runt

terrible

miserable

weak

carton

promptly

pitcher

scratching

infant

cream

Lord

nipple

sneakers

forgive

blissful

sopping

rifle

entire

unfair

dagger

appetite

litter

guest

corner

PAST TENSE VERBS

sobbed

sob

heard

hear

caught

catch

approached

approach

wobbled

wobble

dried

dry

found

find

replied

reply

carried

carry

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

Page 1

Who was Papa? What is he going to do with an ax?

Papa was Fern's father. He was going to kill a baby pig because it was a runt.

Why was Fern upset?

Fern didn't want her father to kill the pig.

What season was it?

It was spring.

Pages 2-3

What was Fern's father's name?

Fern's father's name was Mr. John Arable.

What do you think was in the carton under Mr. Arable's arm?

I think ___ was in the carton under Mr. Arable's arm.

Why did Fern have to change her sneakers?

Her sneakers got wet when she was outside walking in the grass.

Pages 4-5

How did Fern feel when she saw the tiny pig?

Fern felt overjoyed and thankful.

What was Fern's brother's name? Describe him.

Avery was Fern's brother. He was carrying a rifle and a dagger. He was grumpy and complaining.

What did Fern feed the baby pig?

Fern fed a bottle of warm milk to the baby pig.

Pages 6-7

What was Fern doing while she was riding on the bus?

Fern was staring out the window, thinking about how wonderful the world was and how lucky she was to have a pig to take care of.

What did Fern name her pig? Why?

Fern named her baby pig Wilbur because it was the most beautiful name she could think of.

Why wasn't Fern paying attention in school?

Fern wasn't paying attention in school because she was thinking about her new pig.