

Teachers'



The intent of this unit is to provide a fun, learning experience for students, focussing on the sensational swine family. The picture most people paint of a porker is the wrong one. In this unit, efforts have been made to avoid referring to the pig as our 'ham and bacon', in attempts to expose the student to other interpretations of our porcine pals. There's a more fascinating side to swine!

All activities should be coloured, mounted on construction paper, and laminated to ensure longer life. It is recommended that an extra set of information sheets and activities be made to provide enough choice for each student. This copyrighted material may be reproduced by individual teachers only for use in their classroom.

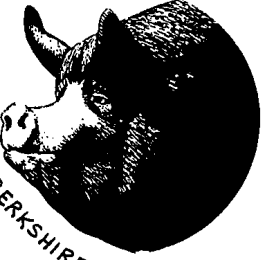
A student checklist and blank evaluation form have been added to record the progress of each student. Regardless of age, pupils love picture books. Go to your library list and take out a collection of pig books. Read a list of available books has been included. Read a book a day yourself to the class. They'll squeal for more. Many fun art ideas can be sparked from a unit on pigs, e.g. paper maché piggy bank (add wings and you have 'Pigasus').

Hope your class goes hog wild over pigs!



Breeds of Pigs

The common farm pig of today includes many different breeds of pigs. All came from Wild Boar stock.



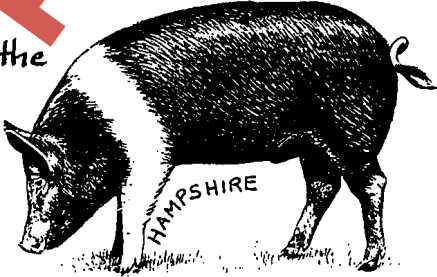
BERKSHIRE

The British royal family once kept a herd of Berkshire pigs at Windsor Castle. At one time, rich farmers insisted on having only Berkshire pigs and nothing else.

The Berkshire is black with white on its feet and tips of its tail. There is a splash of white on the face. This pig has a unique, short, upturned, pug-like snout on its broad face. The ears are erect and bent slightly forward.

Like the Berkshire, the Hampshire comes from England originally. It is a popular pig around the world.

A white belt circles its black body around the shoulders and including the front legs. This pig has a straight snout, a narrow head, and erect ears.



HAMPSHIRE

The Yorkshire pig, originally from Yorkshire, England, is the most popular of all the breeds. It has a long, large body that is white or pink white. Sometimes it has black spots.



YORKSHIRE

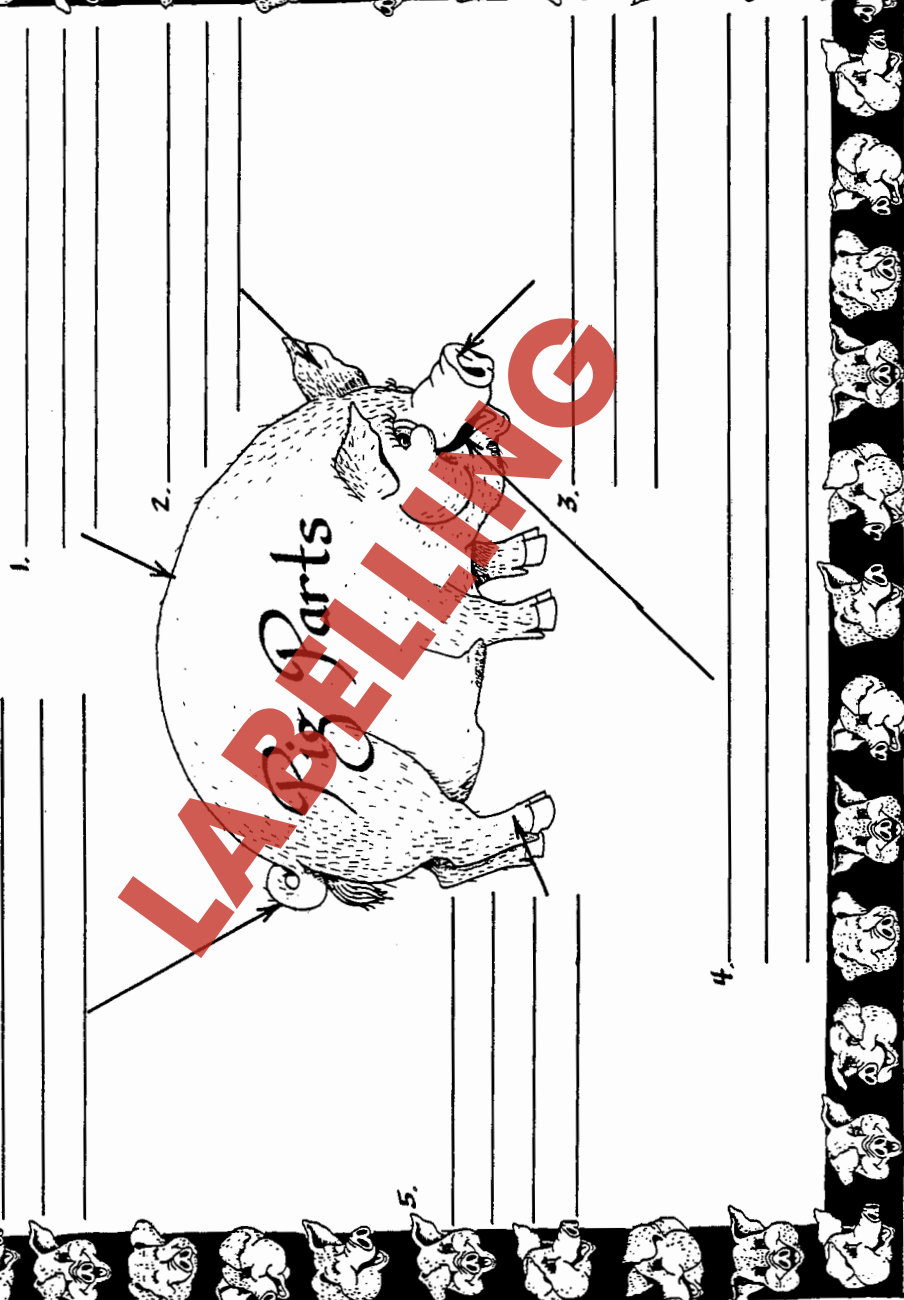
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Fill in the chart below for each pig.



Breed	Description	One Interesting Fact
1. Berkshire	1.	1.
2. Hampshire	2.	2.
3. Yorkshire	3.	3.
4. Duroc	4.	4.
5. Poland China	5.	5.
6. Spotted Poland China	6.	6.

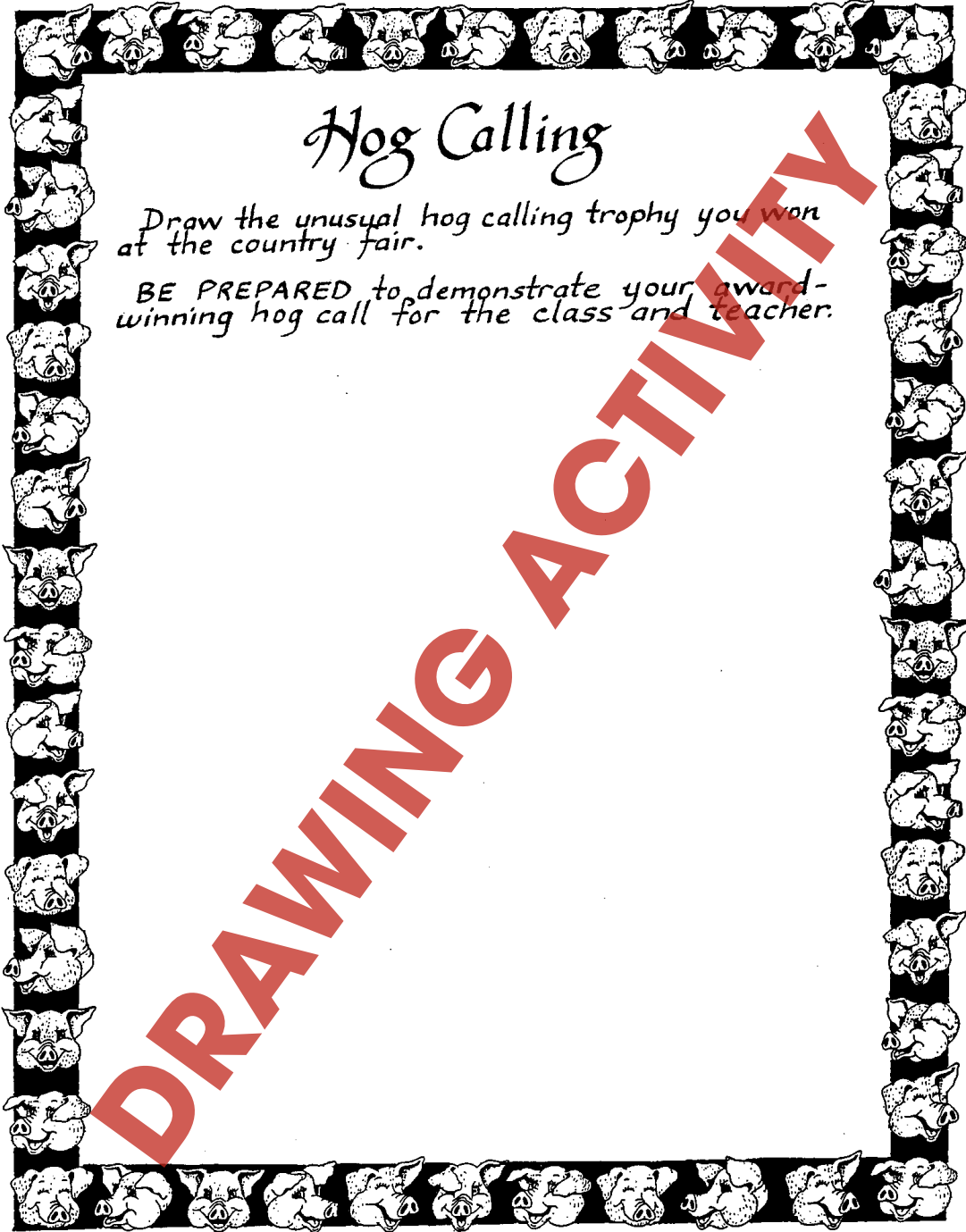
Identify and give a brief description of each pig part marked by a line.



Superstitious Swine Lovers

Match the country with the piggish superstition.

- 1. Borneo — You'll become a real pig if you drink from a pig's hoofprint.
- 2. Latvia — You can ensure a good crop of barley if you stick a pig tail into the ground.
- 3. United States — If you're ready to go on a trip, bad luck will come your way if you see a pig.
- 4. Morocco — Eating hog jowl with blackeyed peas on New Year Day will bring good fortune.
- 5. Saudi Arabia — You can tell the future by reading pig livers.
- 6. Armenia — A great wart remover is a mixture of pig's blood and lard.
- 7. Canada — Pigs are able to tell you when the right time to go to war is.
- 8. New Guinea — Evil spirits like pigs better than horses.
- 9. Europe — Measles will disappear with the burning of pig's hair.

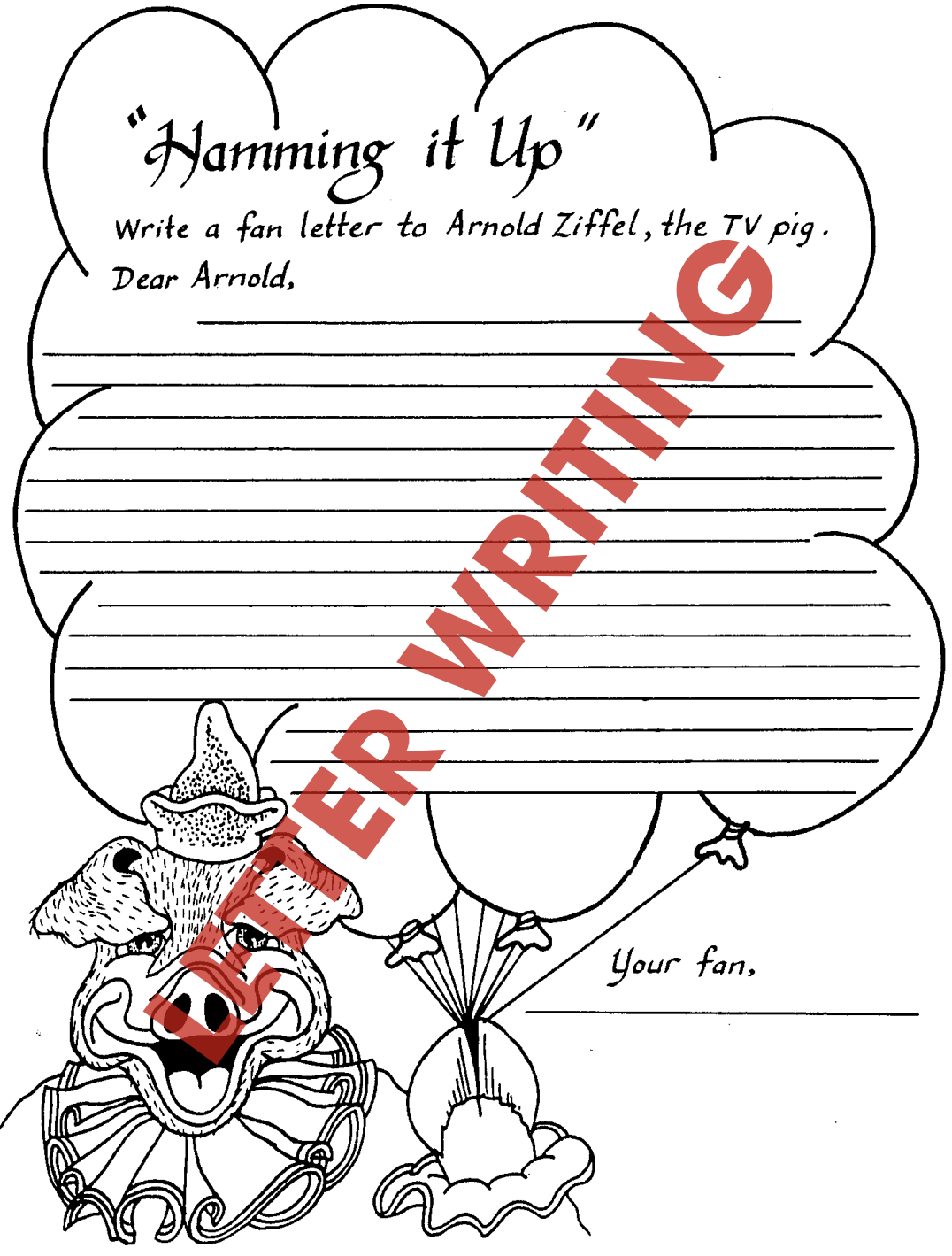


Hog Calling

Draw the unusual hog calling trophy you won at the country fair.

BE PREPARED to demonstrate your award-winning hog call for the class and teacher.

DRAWING ACTIVITY

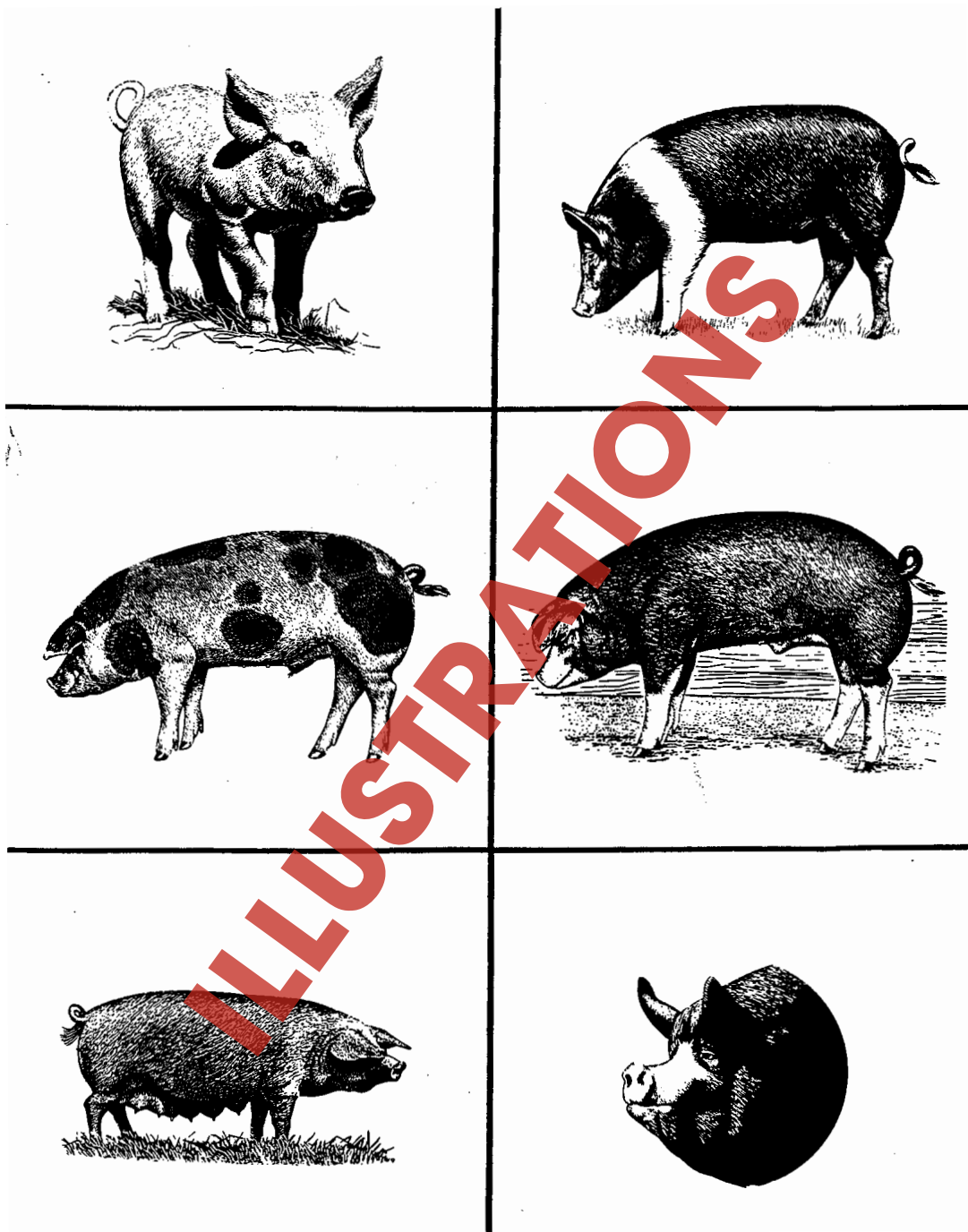


"Hamming it Up"

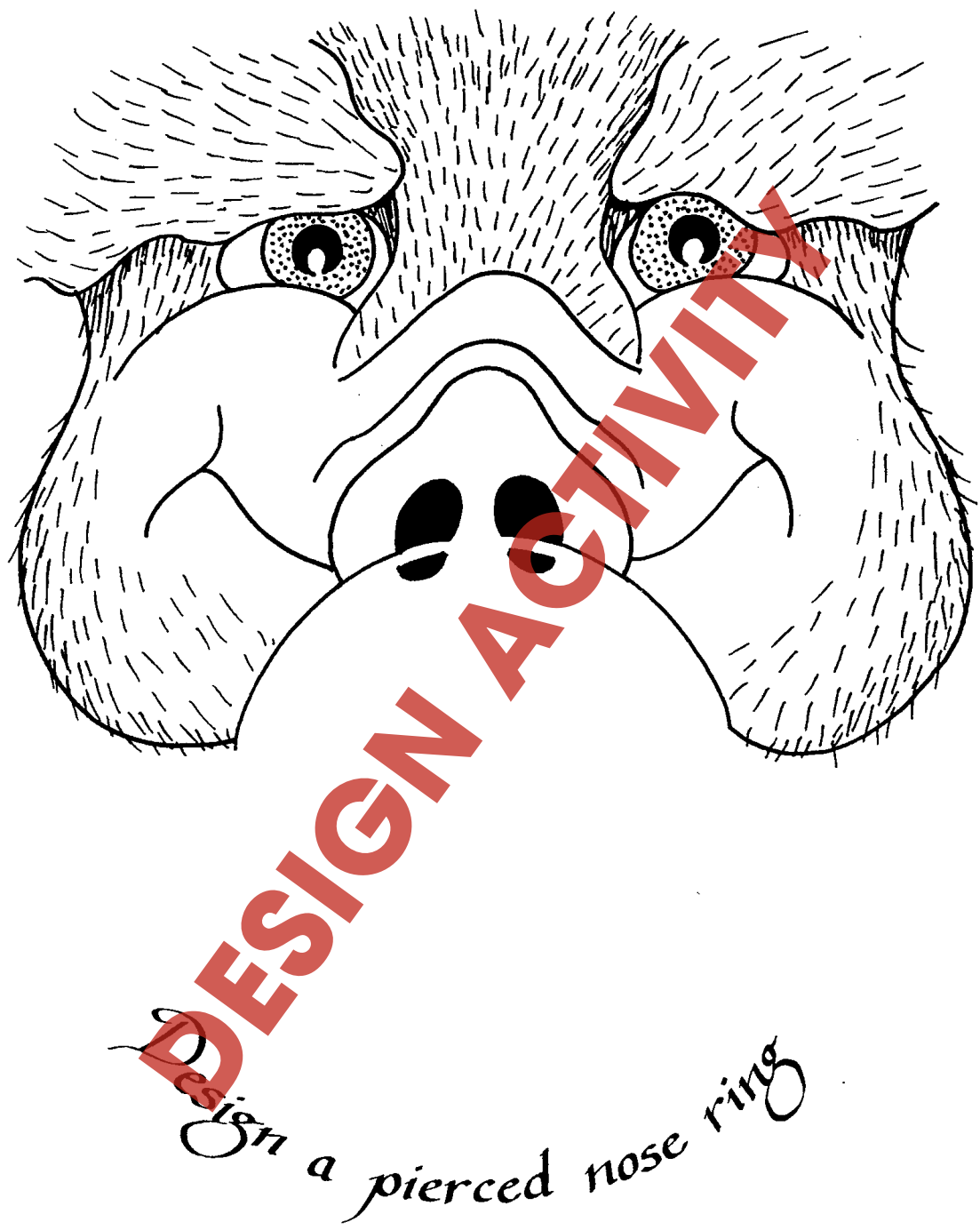
Write a fan letter to Arnold Ziffel, the TV pig.

Dear Arnold,

Your fan,

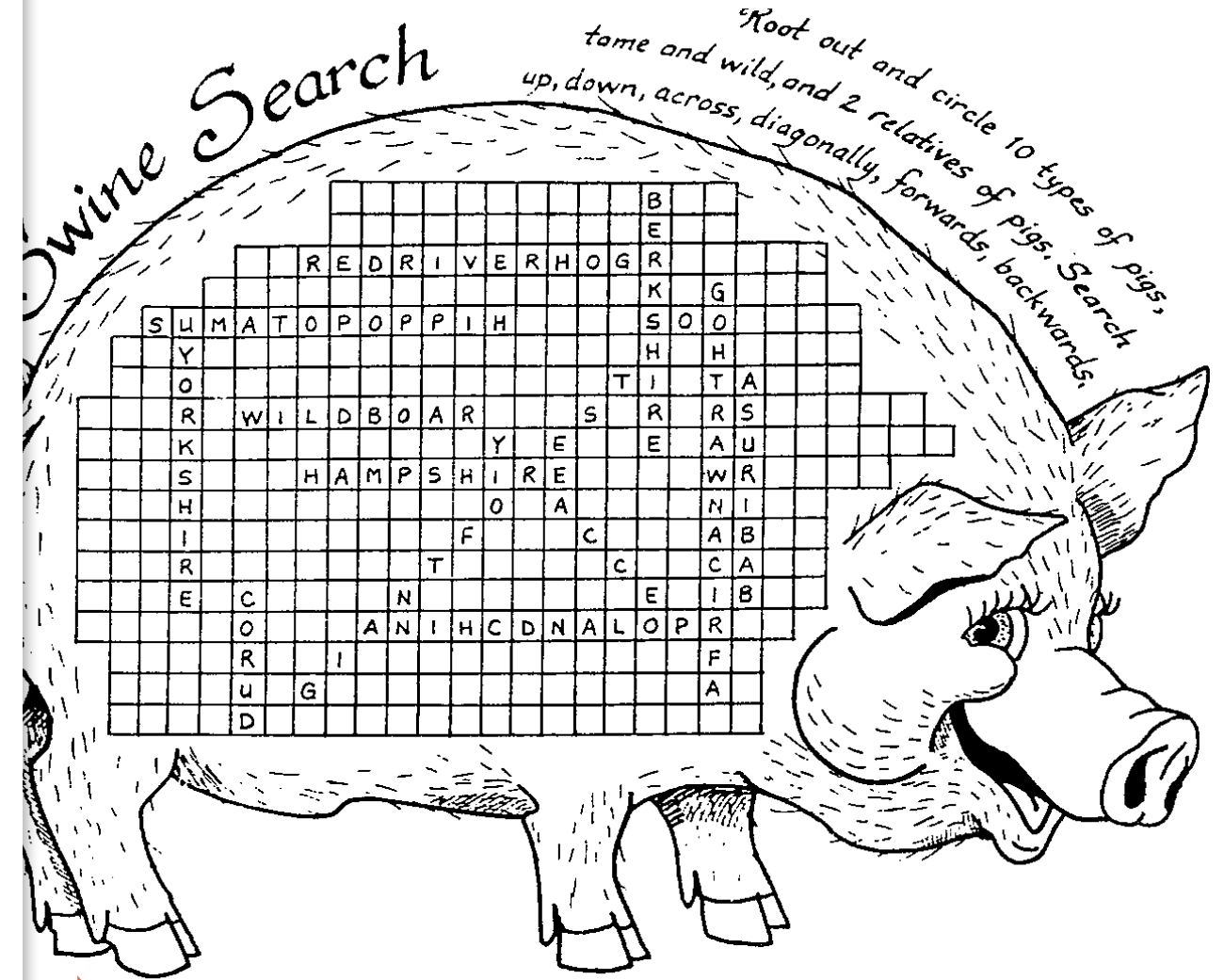
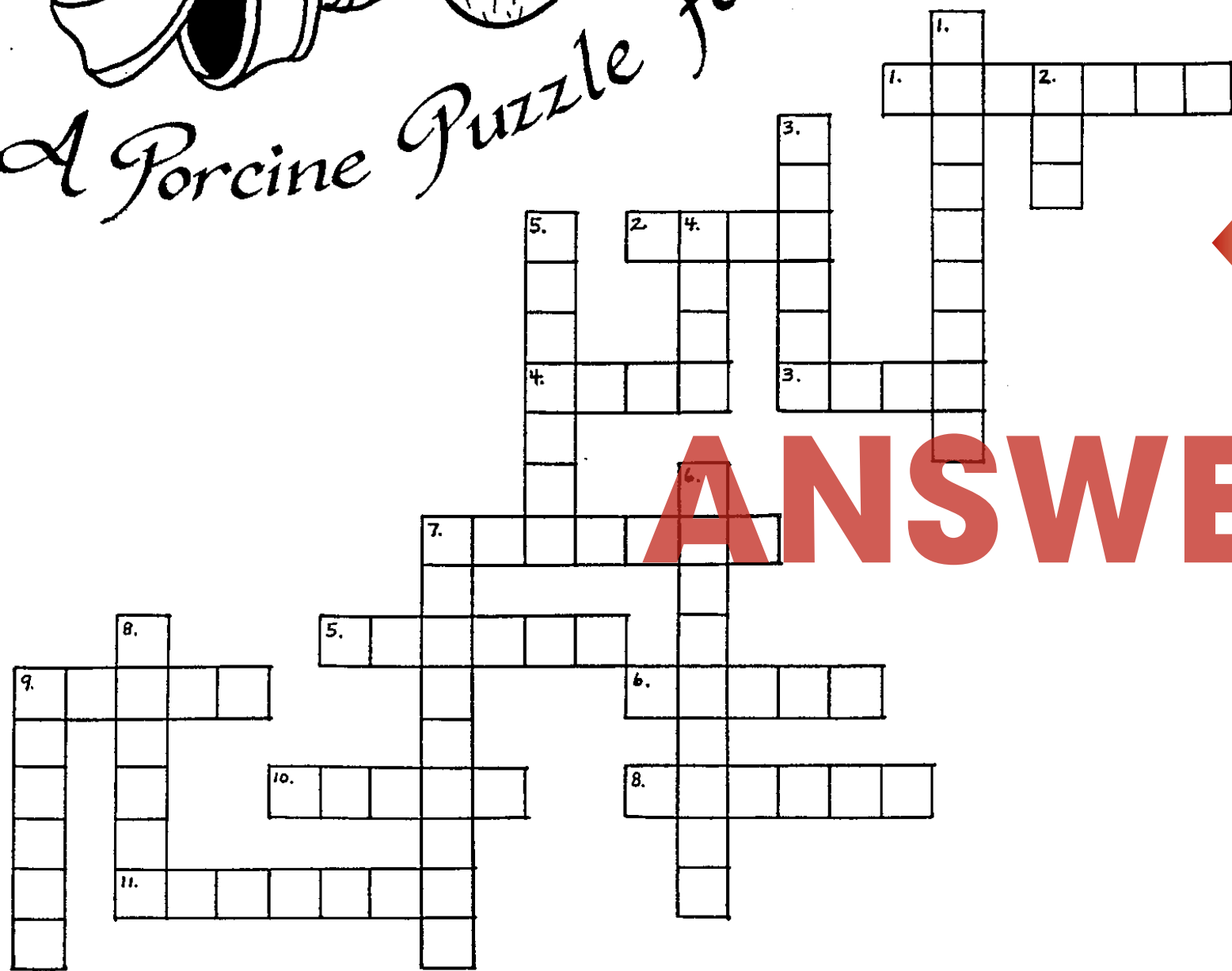


ILLUSTRATIONS



DESIGN ACTIVITY

Design a pierced nose ring



ANSWER KEY

