

Pirro's Adventures 1: Life on the Farm

Discussion & Activity Sheet for Teachers, Librarians, and Parents

About Book 1: Life on the Farm

Welcome to Tyllebyn! A place small enough to vanish from the map, but big enough for grand adventures. Join Pirro—the ten-year-old farm hero with a big gap between his front teeth—along with his quirky animal friends, strict uncle Nils-Erik, and kind-hearted aunt Alma.

Part 1: Reading Comprehension & Discussion Questions

Question 1: The Coffee-Loving Cat

Grounds the cat has a rather unusual obsession with leftover coffee grounds. If animals could pick their favorite weird snacks, what do you think a horse or a pig would ask for?

Question 2: The Big Secret

After a clumsy accident near the schoolhouse, Pirro suddenly gains the ability to talk to animals. If you could talk to one animal for a day, which animal would it be, and what is the very first thing you would ask them?

Question 3: Stingy vs. Generous

Nils-Erik likes to pinch pennies and hates wasting money, while Alma loves baking sweet cinnamon buns and feeding everyone. Who would you rather pack your lunchbox, and why?

Question 4: Hero Material

Pigsty jokes that Pirro should run around the farm in tights as a superhero. What would your superhero name be, and what would your superpower on a farm be?

Part 2: Deep-Dive Story Questions (Detective Quiz)

Test your detective skills! These non-obvious questions require having actually read the book.

1. The Elephant Absence

In Chapter 1, the narrator mentions that almost every farm animal you can think of lives on the farm, except for one specific massive animal group. Which animal is missing?

2. The Schoolyard Game

When the village children run toward the old school in Chapter 4, what playful and slightly humiliating "punishment" do they shout that the last person to arrive will become?

3. The Uncomfortable Bed

When Pirro runs upstairs to hide and rest after his accident, what unusual material is his mattress actually resting on that Nils-Erik made himself?

4. The Woodpecker Doorbell

When Pirro visits his best friend Ruben's house, how does he knock or announce his arrival at the front door?

5. The Hedgehogs and Hay

On his way down to the horse pasture to see Blackie, Pirro almost trips over a very spiky little creature hiding in the grass. What kind of animal is it?
