MEET THEM AT PLUMPTON PARK ZOO

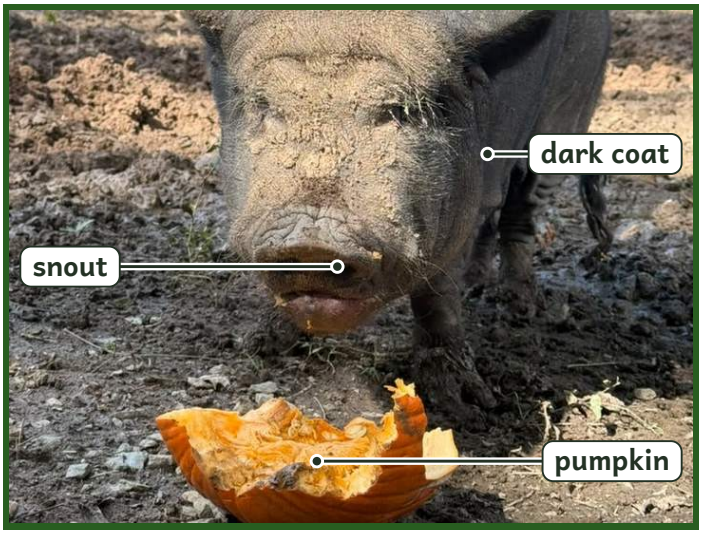
POT-BELLIED PIG

Sus scrofa domesticus

GRADES K–2

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Teachers: read this page aloud, one part at a time (about 5 minutes). Children follow along and say the bold words.



A pot-bellied pig in its yard at our zoo.

Its body

It has a round belly.
Its back dips down.
It can be black, white or spotted.
It digs with its **snout**.

Its home (habitat)

This kind of pig began in Vietnam.
People raise these pigs.
Pot-bellied pigs live at our zoo.



■ Breed developed here ★ Plumpton Park Zoo, Rising Sun, MD

Its food

It eats plants and animals.
It digs in the soil for food.

Its babies (life cycle)

A baby pig is a **piglet**.
A pig is full size at about 5 years.

Fun facts

Mud keeps a pig cool.
Mud protects its skin from sunburn and flies.
These pigs can be trained!

Words to know

piglet: a baby pig
snout: a pig's nose
trained: taught to do something

Talk about it

1. How does a pig use its snout?
2. How does mud help a pig?
3. How long does a pig take to grow up?

Learn more: plumptonparkzoo.org/mammals/pot-bellied-pig/ · **Sources:** Plumpton Park Zoo guide; Oklahoma State University; RSPCA Knowledgebase
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Before and after your visit

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Name _____ **Date** _____

Before you visit · 5 minutes

What do you think? Circle **YES** or **NO**.

1. This pig has a round belly. **YES** **NO**
2. Mud hurts a pig. **YES** **NO**
3. A baby pig is a piglet. **YES** **NO**
4. Pigs dig with their tails. **YES** **NO**

At the zoo · with a partner

Check each one you see.

- ☐ snout
- ☐ round belly
- ☐ ears
- ☐ dark coat
- ☐ tail
- ☐ mud

What is it doing? Circle one.

eating · digging · resting · walking

After your visit · 10 minutes

Draw a pig in the mud. Show its round belly.

Draw here

A pig has a _____

I learned that _____

ADJUST IT Kindergarten: read everything aloud; children talk and draw, and an adult writes their words. **Grade 2:** children read page 1 on their own. **Grades 3–5:** use the regular pot-bellied pig sheet on Teacher Resources. **Second source:** read about this animal in your class database or a library book too, then ask what both said and what was new. **No zoo trip?** Check off what you can find in the photo on page 1. **Answers:** 1 yes, 2 no, 3 yes, 4 no.

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