

# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210321-pigs-0.html>

Pigs are intelligent and can play video games. Researchers tested their gaming skills. The researchers got four pigs to play a simple game at different levels. They moved a joystick with their nose to move a cursor. If they did it, they got a treat. The lead researcher said the pigs could understand what to do. The pigs spent many days playing the game on three different levels. The higher levels had nicer treats. A scientist said: "The pigs clearly understood the connection between their own behavior, the joystick, and what was happening on the screen." The researchers want to understand how pigs learn and understand.

Sources: <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/pigs-can-learn-play-video-games-if-tempted-treats-180977018/>  
<https://theconversation.com/pigs-can-play-video-games-scientists-discover-154993>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Pigs are                        | a. a joystick  |
| 2. play                            | b. skills      |
| 3. Researchers tested their gaming | c. levels      |
| 4. play a simple                   | d. to do       |
| 5. at different                    | e. cursor      |
| 6. They moved                      | f. intelligent |
| 7. move a                          | g. video games |
| 8. understand what                 | h. game        |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. The pigs spent many         | a. treats            |
| 2. on three different          | b. to understand how |
| 3. The higher levels had nicer | c. behavior          |
| 4. The pigs clearly            | d. and understand    |
| 5. their own                   | e. days playing      |
| 6. what was happening          | f. levels            |
| 7. The researchers want        | g. on the screen     |
| 8. how pigs learn              | h. understood        |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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cursor. If they did it, they (5) \_\_\_\_\_. The lead

researcher (6) \_\_\_\_\_ could understand what to

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what was happening (11) \_\_\_\_\_." The

researchers want to understand (12) \_\_\_\_\_ and

understand.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_