


## 'Charlotte's Web' Comprehension

Use the text to help you answer the questions below.

 If you see a light bulb next to the question, you will need to think about your own thoughts or opinions, based on what you have read.

1. What is the purpose of the rhetorical question at the very start of the story?

*It makes the reader think that it is unusual for Fern's father to have an axe and that she is worried about what he could be doing.*

2. What is a 'hoghouse'?

*A place where pigs sleep*

3. Why are the words 'away' and 'kill' written in italics?


*To show that Fern is upset and distressed at what might happen.*

4. What is another word for 'sopping'?

*Soaking, drenched, very wet*

5. Why is Fern hanging on to the axe that her father is carrying?

*To try and stop him from killing the pig*

 6. How do you think Fern felt when she saw the carton on the chair and why?

*Answers could include: excited, happy and relieved because she was desperate for her father to save the pig or she had wanted to save the pig.*

7. Why would Avery call the pig 'a miserable thing'?

*Because it was small and weak - he didn't think it even looked like a pig.*

8. How do we know that Avery is lazy?

*He has only just got out of bed and hadn't washed his face or hands.*

9. What 3 things did Fern do every morning at the start of Chapter 2?

- Warmed his milk*
- Tied his bib*
- Held the bottle for him*

10. What did Wilbur do to keep warm at night?



He made a tunnel in the straw and buried himself in it.

11. What does the word 'enchanted' mean on p.11?

It means delighted, captivated or fascinated

12. Where is Wilbur's new home?

At Fern's uncle's house - the Zuckermans

