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Answers



1. Why do you think the author uses an exclamation mark at the end of the first sentence?

I think the author uses an exclamation mark show surprise that pigs can sometimes have up to 25 piglets at a time



2. What are baby cows called?
Baby cows are called calves.



3. Why do you think that the farmer brings the ewe inside the barn to give birth?
Pupils' own responses, such as: I think the farmer brings the ewe into the barn to give birth so that the mother and baby sheep are safe and warm.



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