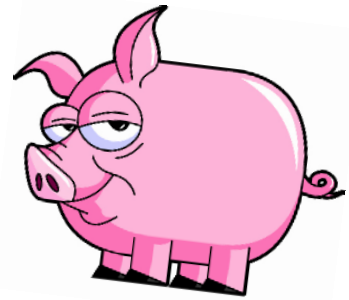


Bacon and Wool: Winter is Here
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Snow was falling on the farm. Winter was here.
Bacon the pig knew it, because his pink, fuzzy skin
was turning blue! His nose was turning into an icicle, too.



Nearby, his friend was not having the trouble he was.
Wool was a sheep, and he had a nice thick coat of wool
to keep himself warm.

He was wandering around like it was no big deal. He was having trouble
finding green grass to chew on though.
He normally never stopped chewing.

Like some people constantly chewed bubblegum, Wool loved to have a
mouthful of grass. He'd chew it into green goop and swallow it.
Then he'd go for more.



Unfortunately, the cool fall weather had yellowed the grass.
The snow was covering it now, and he had to use his nose
to dig around for more. He didn't like the hay and oats they were offered as much as
he loved grass!



Bacon grunted coldly and shimmied into a pile of straw.

He wiggled all the way in and slowly turned around. His curly tail
began to thaw, and he poked his nose out into the cold air to
watch his friend. From inside the haystack, he could see Wool,
but the sheep did not see him. When wool crept closer to sniff
the straw, Bacon jumped out at him. Wool jumped straight up in
the air and fell over.

Sometimes, Wool forgot that he was not a fainting goat.
Bacon snorted in laughter and nudged his friend.



Wool got up slowly and gave Bacon a dirty look. He didn't like to be surprised. Bacon
snorted another laugh and went back into the haystack to take a warm nap. Only, he
woke up some time later with his tail freezing again. Wool had eaten the back of the
haystack and left his tail out in the cold air!

It was going to be a long, cold winter!

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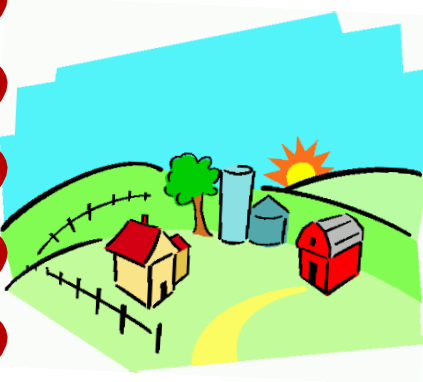
Use the information in the story to answer the questions below.

1. Which character seems to handle the winter better?

- A. Bacon
- B. Wool

2. What is Wool's biggest concern about winter?

- A. finding grass
- B. staying warm
- C. not freezing his tail
- D. eating healthily



3. Where does Bacon hide to stay warm?

- A. in the barn
- B. in the dog house
- C. in the haystack
- D. he doesn't hide

4. How does Bacon startle Wool?

- A. He hides behind the barn.
- B. He runs around screaming.
- C. He pretends to be hurt.
- D. He jumps out of the haystack when Wool comes near.

5. How did Wool get his revenge for being scared by Bacon?

- A. He didn't.
- B. He made Bacon apologize.
- C. He ate part of Bacon's haystack to make him get cold.
- D. He had the ducks scare Bacon.

