How to play

Farm Animal Quartet · 2–4 players · ages 5+

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Getting ready

Cut out all cards (thick paper works best). If you like, print the card backs on the reverse side or glue them on. The blank cards are for your own animals – draw one and fill in the values!

Goal

A quartet is 4 cards of the same group, for example A1, A2, A3 and A4. Whoever has the most quartets at the end wins.

Game 1: Collect quartets

Shuffle and deal all cards. On your turn, ask another player for a card you are missing: “Do you have D3, the Brahma chicken?” You may only ask for groups you already hold a card of. If they have it, they must give it to you and you ask again. If not, it is their turn. Lay finished quartets face up in front of you.

Game 2: Who has more?

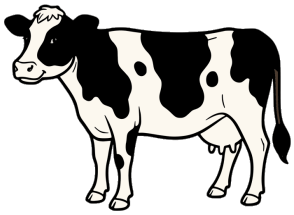
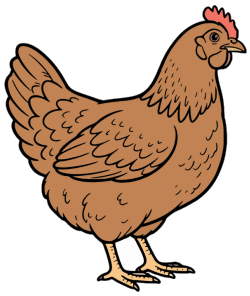
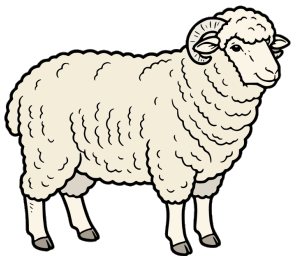
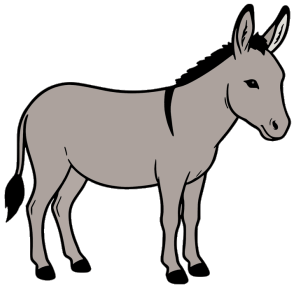
Deal the cards; everyone keeps a face-down pile. Everyone picks up their top card. The active player reads out one value, e.g. “Weight: 650 kg”. Everyone says their value – the highest wins all cards of the round. If there is a tie, draw one more card. Whoever ends up with all cards (or the most after 15 minutes) wins.

What do the values mean?

Weight and size are typical values for adult animals (size for big animals = shoulder height, for birds the standing height, for small animals the body length). Life span = how old they can get. Gestation/incubation = days until birth or until the chick hatches. Babies/eggs = typical number of babies per litter or eggs per clutch (for the queen bee: eggs in one day).

Tip

In “Who has more?” it pays to think: the frog is tiny but lays a huge number of eggs!

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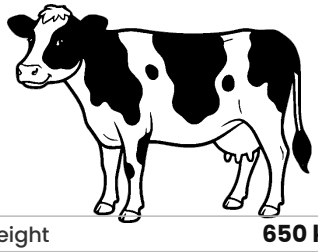
A1 Cattle & Big Horses

Dairy Cow

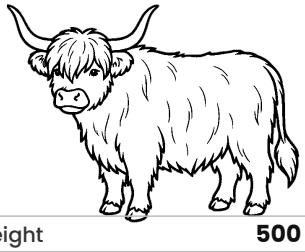


Weight	650 kg
Size	145 cm
Life span	20 years
Gestation/Incub.	283 days
Babies/eggs	1 (shoulder)

A cow gives milk because she has had a calf.

A2 Cattle & Big Horses

Highland Cow

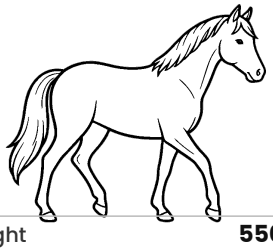


Weight	500 kg
Size	115 cm
Life span	20 years
Gestation/Incub.	285 days
Babies/eggs	1 (shoulder)

Its long shaggy coat keeps the Highland cow warm even in snow.

A3 Cattle & Big Horses

Riding Horse

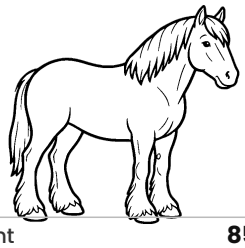


Weight	550 kg
Size	165 cm
Life span	28 years
Gestation/Incub.	335 days
Babies/eggs	1 (shoulder)

Horses can doze standing up – their legs lock into place.

A4 Cattle & Big Horses

Draft Horse

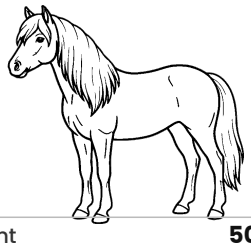


Weight	850 kg
Size	165 cm
Life span	25 years
Gestation/Incub.	335 days
Babies/eggs	1 (shoulder)

"Cold-blooded" means calm and gentle – not cold!

B1 Ponies & Pack Animals

Haflinger

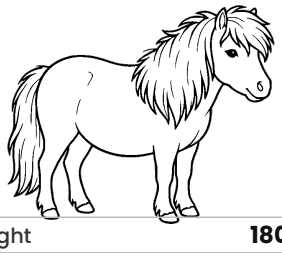


Weight	500 kg
Size	145 cm
Life span	30 years
Gestation/Incub.	335 days
Babies/eggs	1 (shoulder)

Haflingers are always chestnut with a light, blond mane.

B2 Ponies & Pack Animals

Shetland Pony

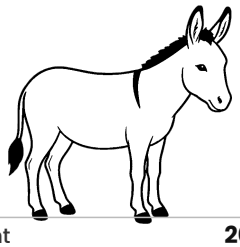


Weight	180 kg
Size	100 cm
Life span	30 years
Gestation/Incub.	335 days
Babies/eggs	1 (shoulder)

Shetland ponies are at most 107 cm tall but very strong.

B3 Ponies & Pack Animals

Donkey

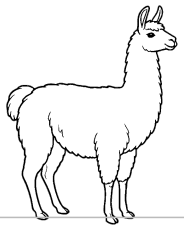


Weight	200 kg
Size	115 cm
Life span	30 years
Gestation/Incub.	370 days
Babies/eggs	1 (shoulder)

Donkeys hear very well with their long ears – and their "hee-haw" carries far.

B4 Ponies & Pack Animals

Llama

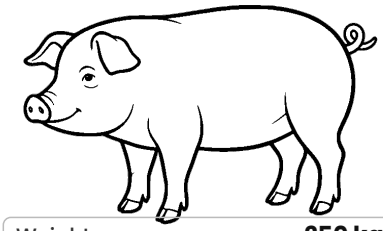


Weight	150 kg
Size	110 cm
Life span	20 years
Gestation/Incub.	345 days
Babies/eggs	1 (shoulder)

Llamas hum softly when they talk to each other.

C1 Pigs, Sheep & Goats

Pig



Weight	250 kg
Size	90 cm
Life span	15 years
Gestation/Incub.	115 days
Babies/eggs	12 (shoulder)

Pigs roll in mud to cool down – they can hardly sweat.

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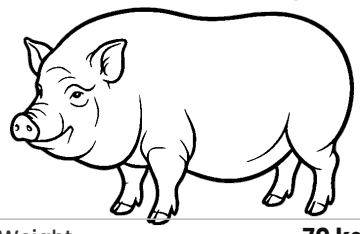
C2 Pigs, Sheep & Goats

Pot-bellied Pig

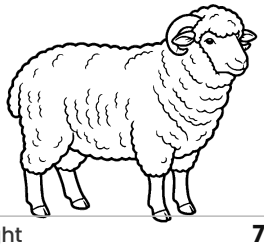


Weight	70 kg
Size	45 cm
Life span	15 years
Gestation/Incub.	114 days
Babies/eggs	7 (shoulder)

Pot-bellied pigs are small, clever and can even learn tricks.

C3 Pigs, Sheep & Goats

Sheep

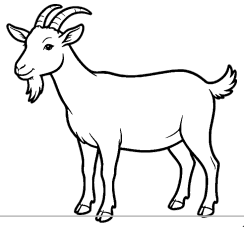


Weight	70 kg
Size	75 cm
Life span	12 years
Gestation/Incub.	150 days
Babies/eggs	2 (shoulder)

The wool of one sheep is enough for several sweaters.

C4 Pigs, Sheep & Goats

Goat

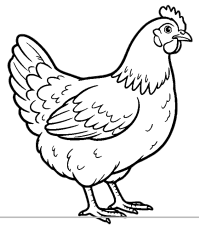


Weight	60 kg
Size	75 cm
Life span	15 years
Gestation/Incub.	150 days
Babies/eggs	2 (shoulder)

Goats are great climbers – even up trees and steep rocks.

D1 Chickens

Hen

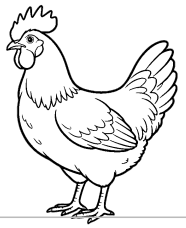


Weight	2 kg
Size	45 cm
Life span	8 years
Gestation/Incub.	21 days
Babies/eggs	10 (height)

A hen lays an egg almost every day – even without a rooster.

D2 Chickens

Leghorn

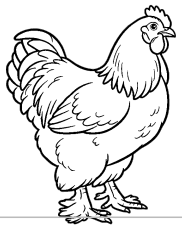


Weight	2 kg
Size	40 cm
Life span	7 years
Gestation/Incub.	21 days
Babies/eggs	10 (height)

Leghorns lay over 280 white eggs a year – record layers!

D3 Chickens

Brahma

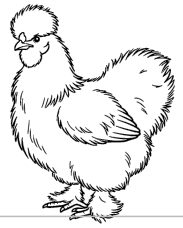


Weight	3.5 kg
Size	55 cm
Life span	8 years
Gestation/Incub.	21 days
Babies/eggs	8 (height)

Brahmas are among the biggest chickens and have feathered feet.

D4 Chickens

Silkie

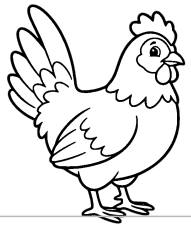


Weight	1.1 kg
Size	30 cm
Life span	9 years
Gestation/Incub.	21 days
Babies/eggs	8 (height)

A Silkie's feathers feel like fluffy fur.

E1 Farm Poultry

Bantam

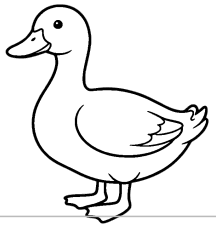


Weight	0.7 kg
Size	25 cm
Life span	8 years
Gestation/Incub.	21 days
Babies/eggs	8 (height)

Bantams are mini versions of big breeds – with mini eggs.

E2 Farm Poultry

Duck



Weight	3 kg
Size	60 cm
Life span	10 years
Gestation/Incub.	28 days
Babies/eggs	10 (body length)

Ducks oil their feathers with a special gland to stay dry.

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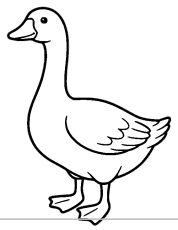
E3 — Farm Poultry

Goose

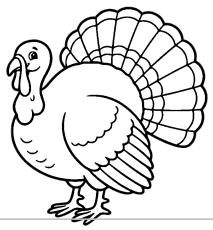


Weight	7 kg
Size	75 cm
Life span	20 years
Gestation/Incub.	30 days
Babies/eggs	8 (height)

Geese honk loudly when strangers come – almost like a guard dog.

E4 — Farm Poultry

Turkey

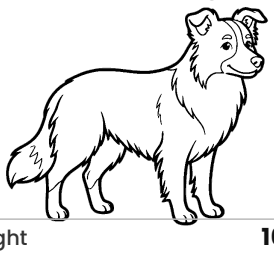


Weight	7 kg
Size	80 cm
Life span	10 years
Gestation/Incub.	28 days
Babies/eggs	10 (height)

A male turkey fans out its tail to impress the hens.

F1 — Farm Pets

Sheepdog

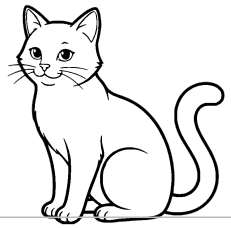


Weight	16 kg
Size	52 cm
Life span	13 years
Gestation/Incub.	63 days
Babies/eggs	6 (shoulder)

Sheepdogs herd sheep using stares and the shepherd's whistles.

F2 — Farm Pets

Farm Cat

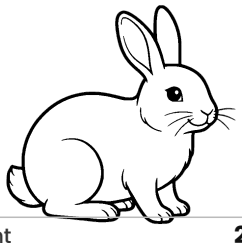


Weight	4 kg
Size	28 cm
Life span	15 years
Gestation/Incub.	65 days
Babies/eggs	4 (shoulder)

Farm cats keep the barn free of mice.

F3 — Farm Pets

Rabbit

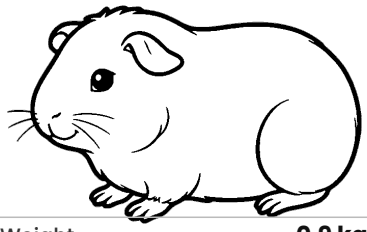


Weight	2.5 kg
Size	40 cm
Life span	10 years
Gestation/Incub.	31 days
Babies/eggs	6 (body length)

Rabbit teeth grow all their life – hay wears them down.

F4 — Farm Pets

Guinea Pig

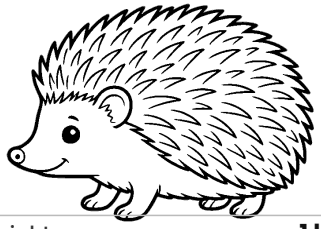


Weight	0.9 kg
Size	25 cm
Life span	7 years
Gestation/Incub.	68 days
Babies/eggs	3 (body length)

Guinea pig babies are born with fur and open eyes.

G1 — Little Farm Neighbours

Hedgehog

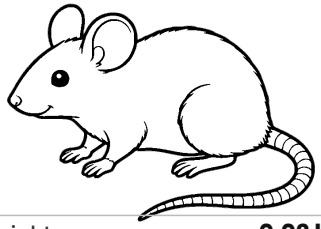


Weight	1 kg
Size	25 cm
Life span	4 years
Gestation/Incub.	35 days
Babies/eggs	5 (body length)

A hedgehog has about 6,000 to 8,000 spines.

G2 — Little Farm Neighbours

House Mouse

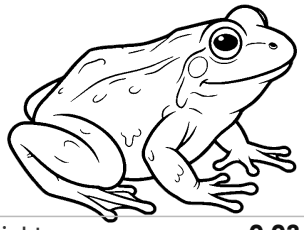


Weight	0.02 kg
Size	9 cm
Life span	1 years
Gestation/Incub.	20 days
Babies/eggs	6 (body length)

Mice can squeeze through holes barely wider than a pencil.

G3 — Little Farm Neighbours

Common Frog



Weight	0.03 kg
Size	9 cm
Life span	6 years
Gestation/Incub.	18 days
Babies/eggs	1,500 (body length)

A female common frog lays over 1,000 eggs at once – called spawn.

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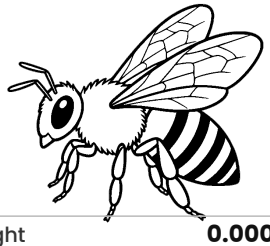
G4 Little Farm Neighbours

Honeybee

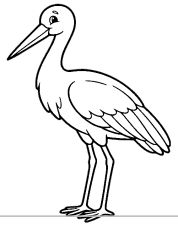


Weight	**0.0001 kg**
Size	**1.2 cm** (body length)
Life span	**0.1 years**
Gestation/Incub.	**21 days**
Babies/eggs	**2,000**

In summer the queen bee lays up to 2,000 eggs a day.

H1 Birds on the Farm

White Stork

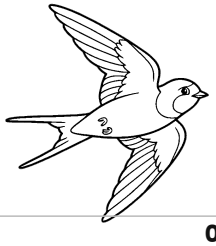


Weight	**3.5 kg**
Size	**100 cm** (height)
Life span	**10 years**
Gestation/Incub.	**33 days**
Babies/eggs	**4**

Storks fly back from Africa every spring – often to the same nest.

H2 Birds on the Farm

Barn Swallow



Weight	**0.02 kg**
Size	**19 cm** (body length)
Life span	**3 years**
Gestation/Incub.	**15 days**
Babies/eggs	**5**

Barn swallows build mud nests inside the cow barn.

H3 Birds on the Farm

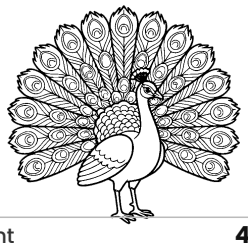
Barn Owl

Weight	**0.33 kg**
Size	**35 cm** (body length)
Life span	**4 years**
Gestation/Incub.	**31 days**
Babies/eggs	**5**

The barn owl flies almost silently and hunts mice at night.

H4 Birds on the Farm

Peacock



Weight	**4.5 kg**
Size	**100 cm** (body length)
Life span	**20 years**
Gestation/Incub.	**28 days**
Babies/eggs	**4**

Only the male peacock has the magnificent fan of long feathers.

My own animal

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draw here

Weight _____ kg
Size _____ cm
Life span _____ years
Gestation/Incub. _____ days
Babies/eggs _____

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My own animal

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Weight _____ kg
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Weight _____ kg
Size _____ cm
Life span _____ years
Gestation/Incub. _____ days
Babies/eggs _____

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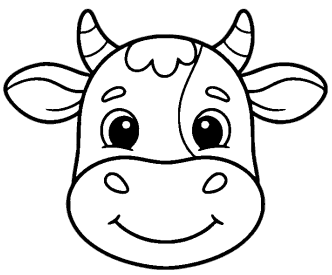

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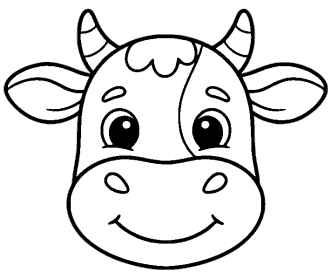

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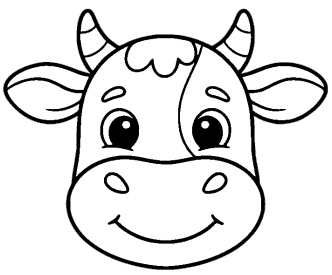

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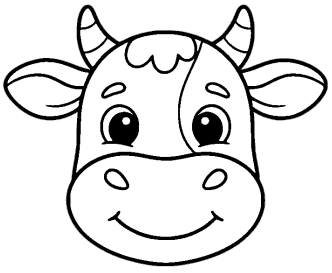

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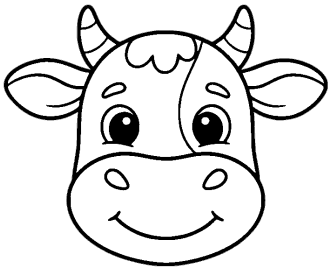

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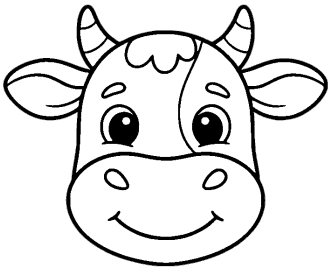

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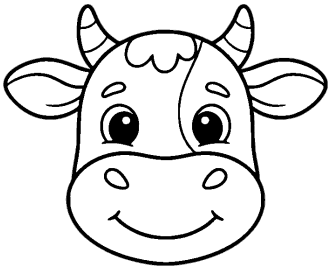

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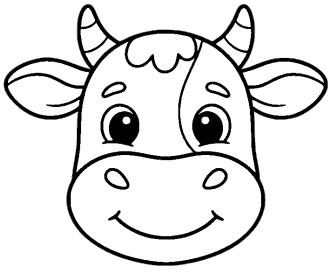

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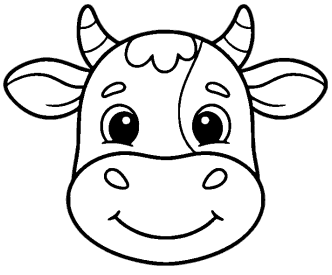

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