



Special
Days

LESSON PLANS

for

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SPECIAL DAYS

[with an animal component]

2 OCTOBER

WORLD FARM

ANIMALS DAY



The following classrooms Play is suitable for Primary School learners and helps them understand the meaning of SENTIENCE.

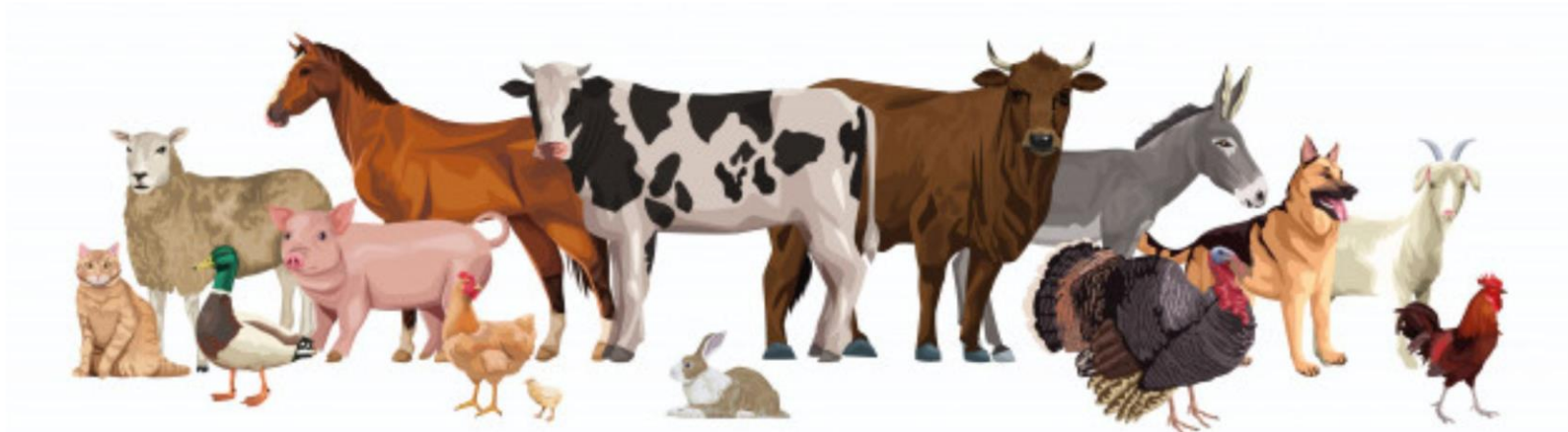
Just like ourselves,
animals have feelings
and **emotions** too.



Definition of

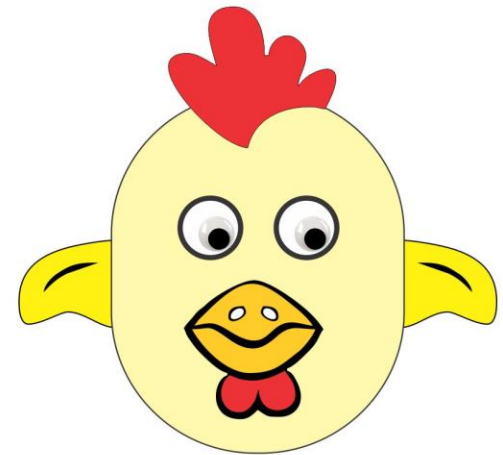
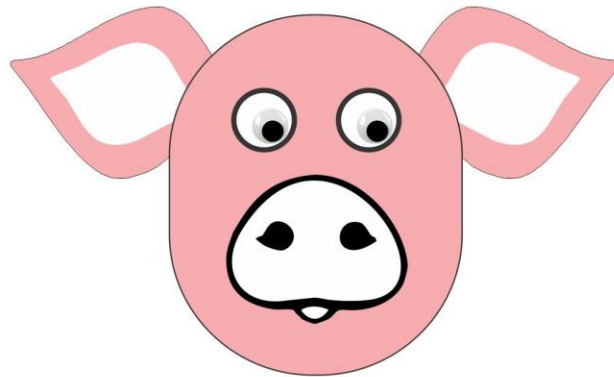
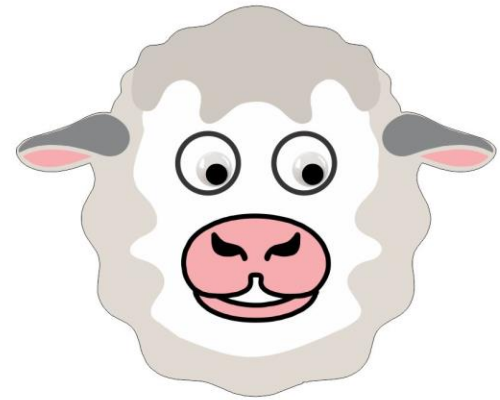
sentient being

**All living beings who experience feelings,
both physical and emotional, are sentient.**



A Play to play

Craft these hand puppets to perform the play.



How to...

Cut out the templates on 160g project board and **colour** them in.

Cut the *face* part of each character on the dotted line so that the face is in *two halves*.

Fold the *mouth and tongue* piece on the dotted lines.

Glue the *top* piece of the *face* to the *top* of the *mouth* piece.

Glue the *bottom* piece of the *face* to the *bottom* of the *mouth* piece.

Stick on the *handle strips* to **hold** and **move** the puppet.

Tips

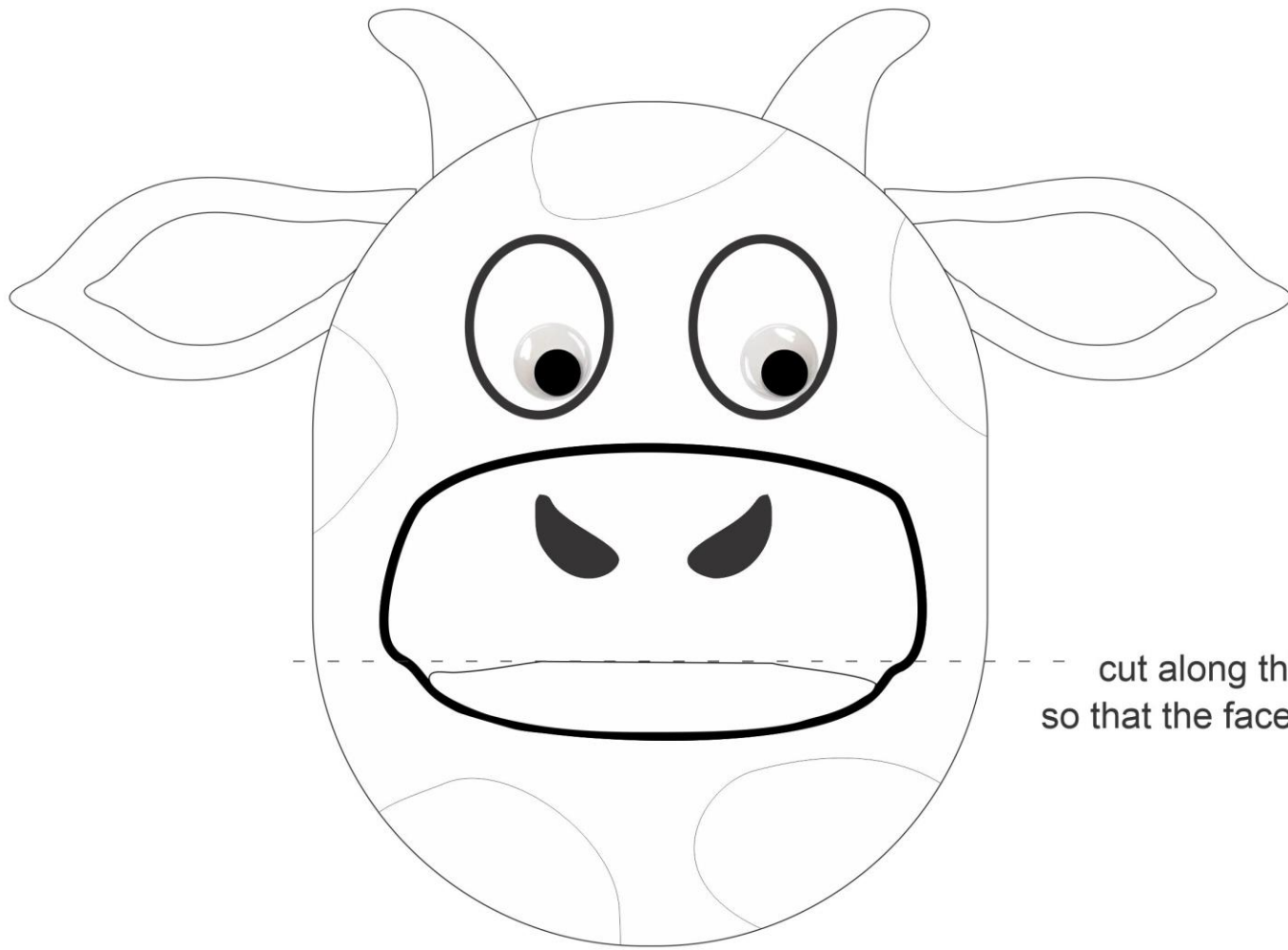
See *suggested colours* on previous slide.

Use 12mm stick-on craft eyes.



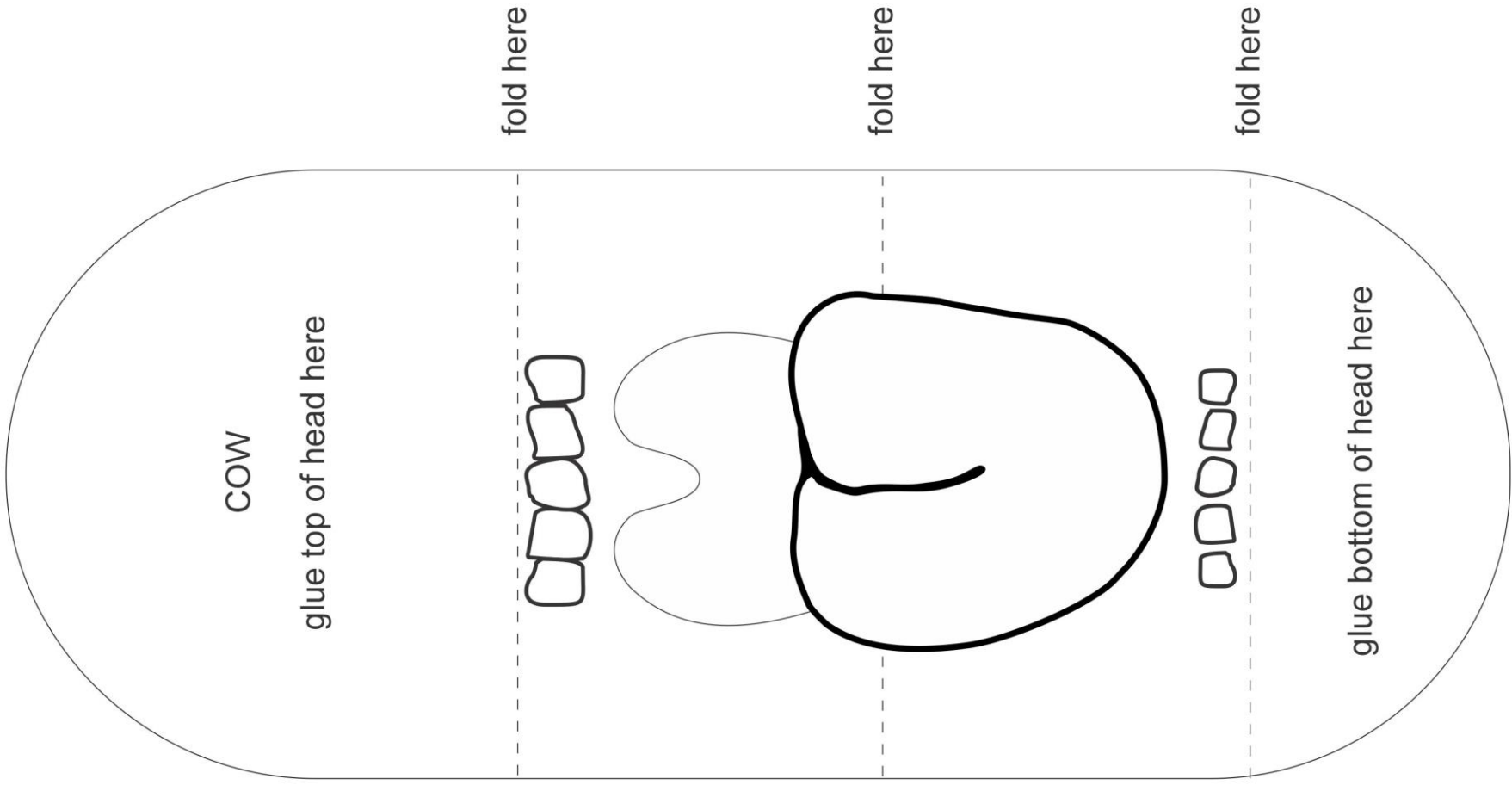
Click [here](#) to see Sheep Talk

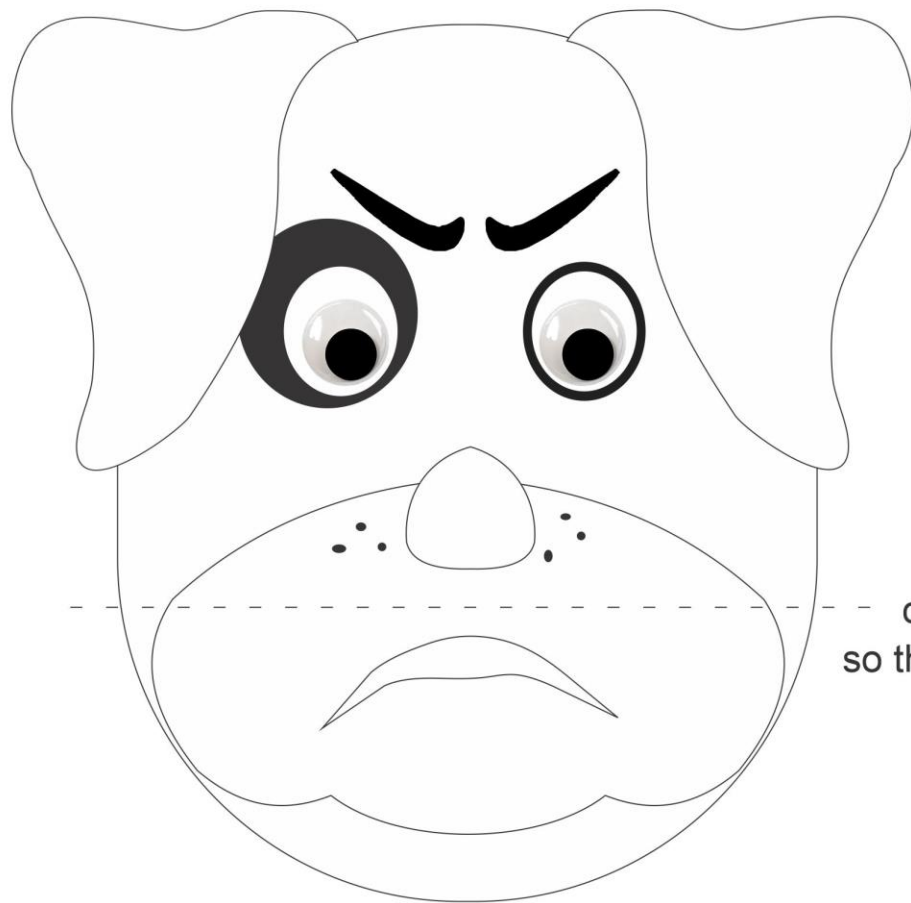




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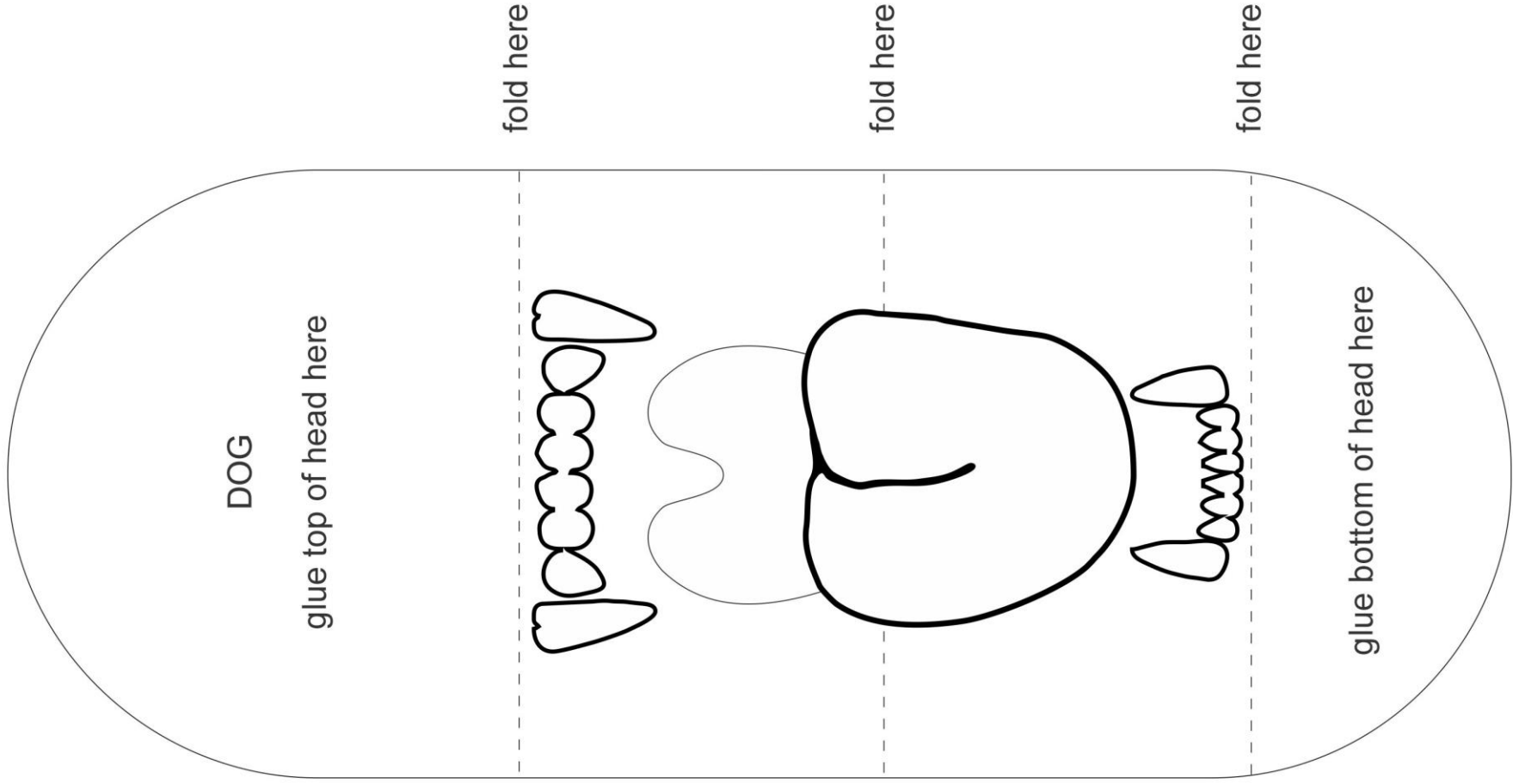
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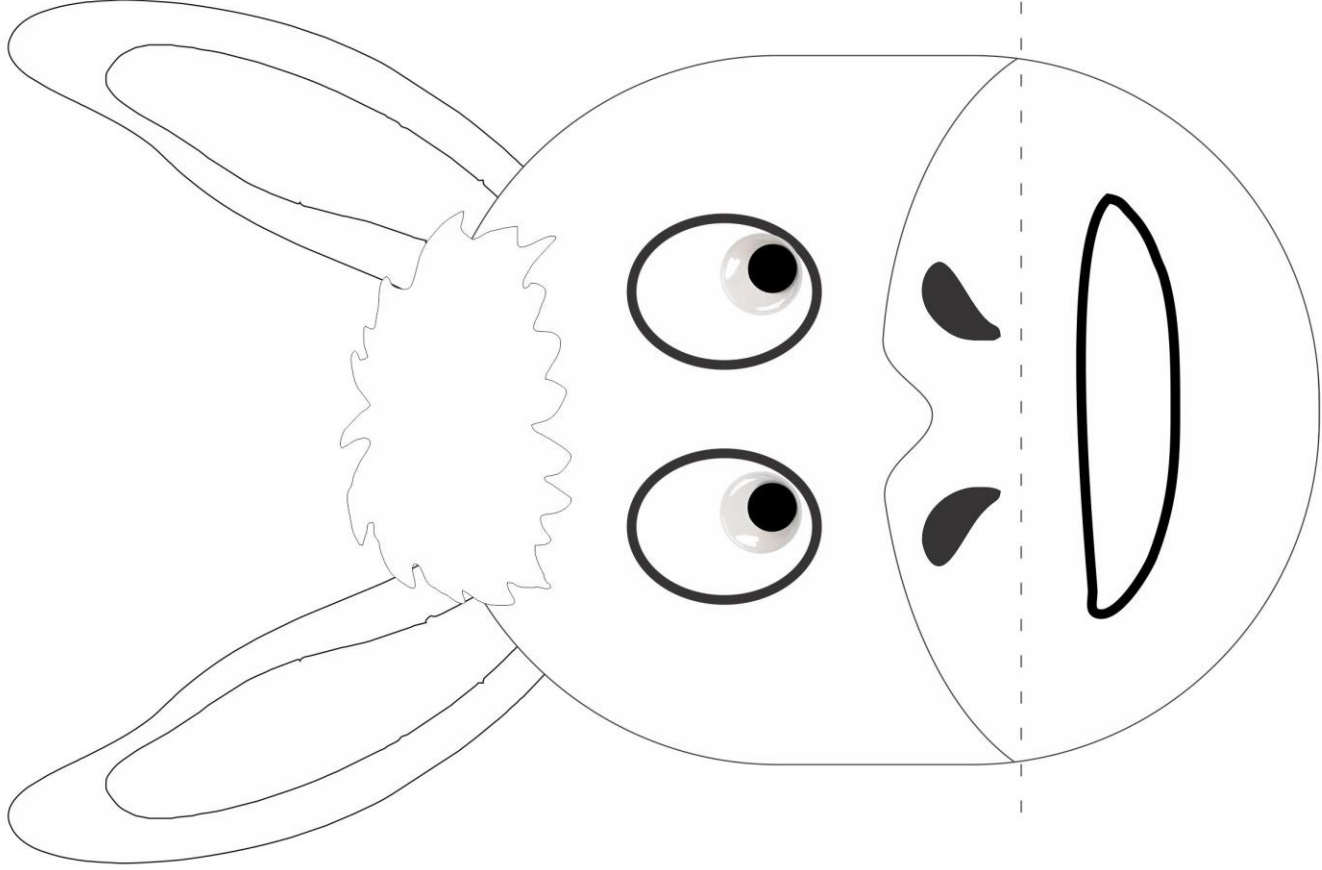




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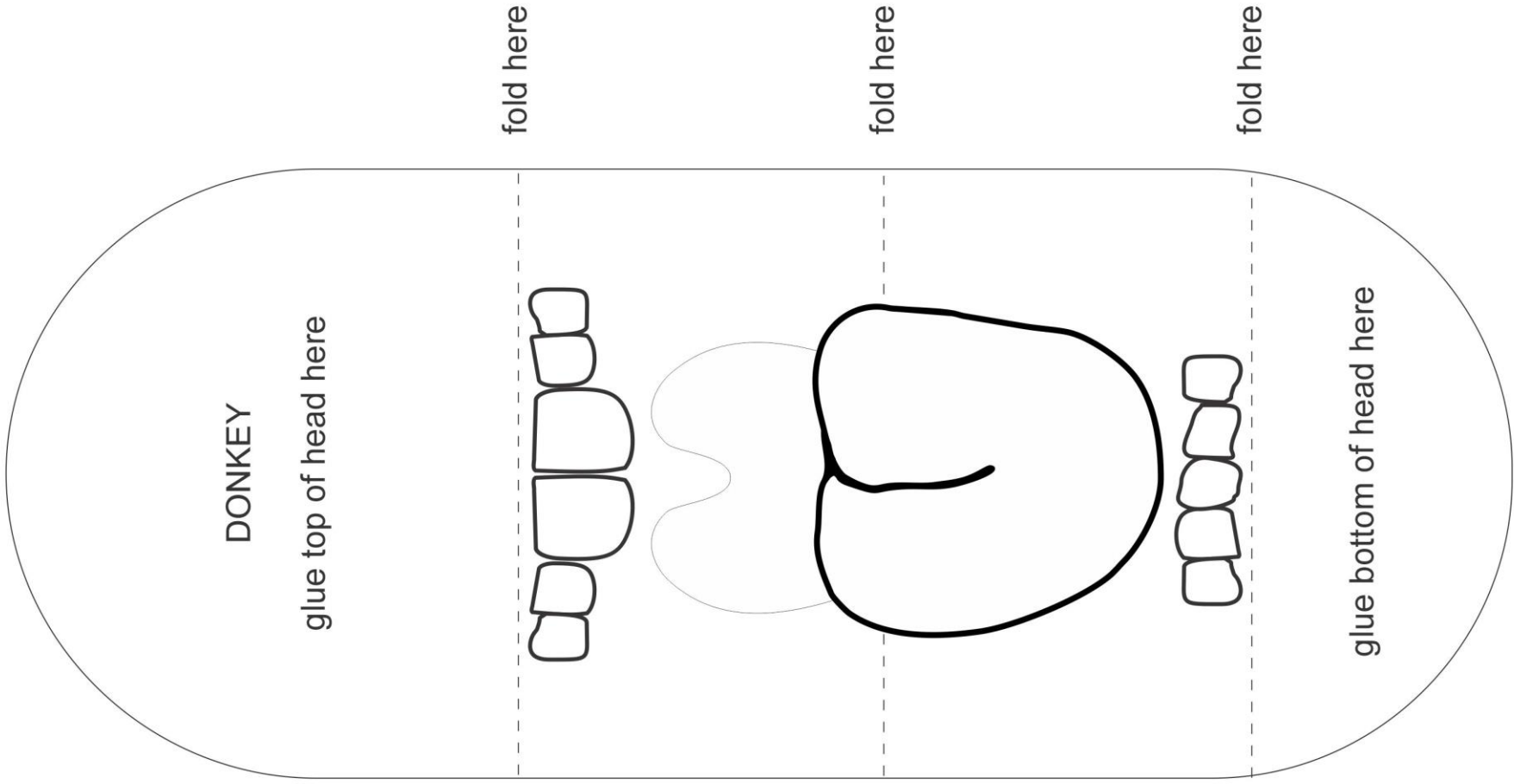
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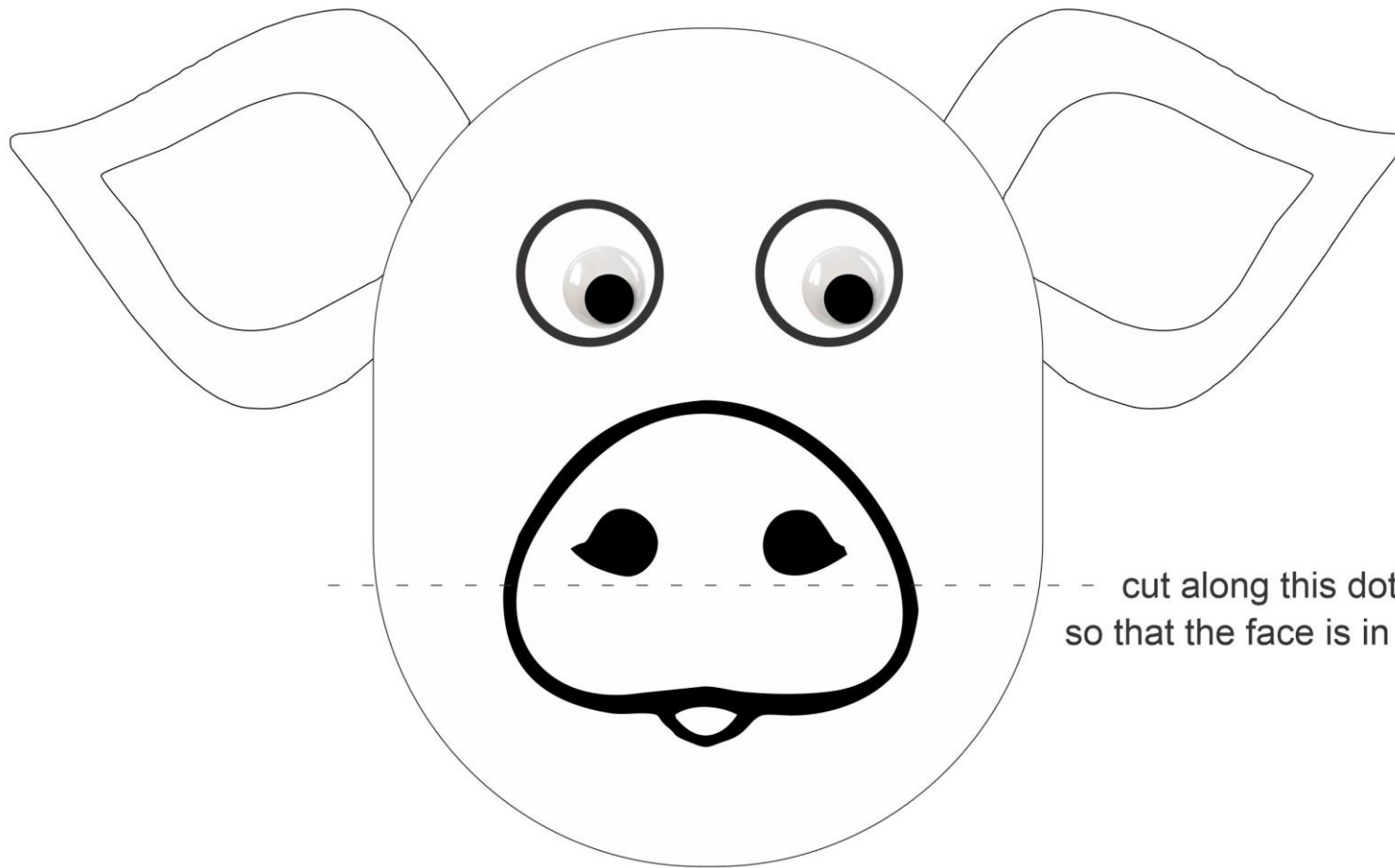




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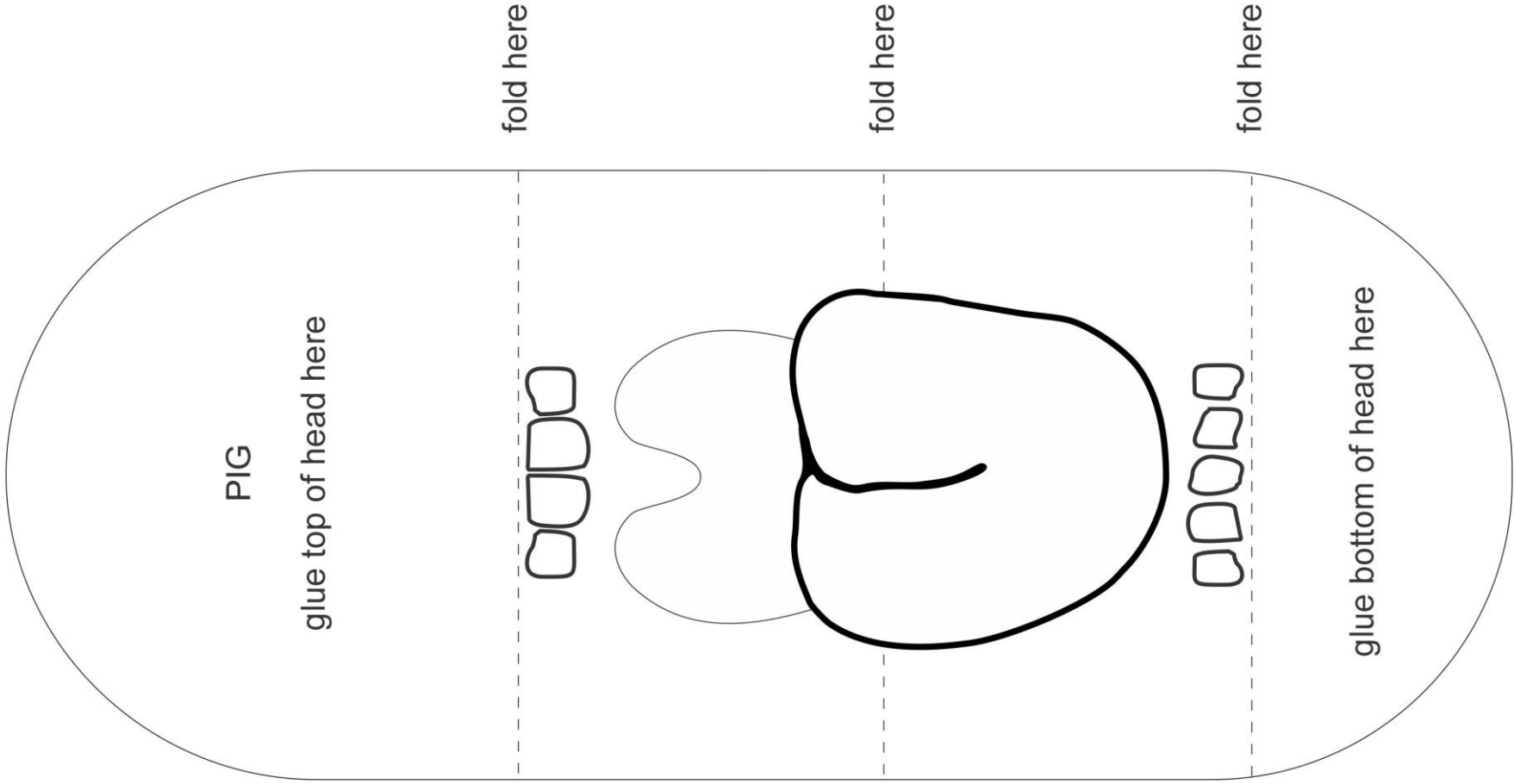
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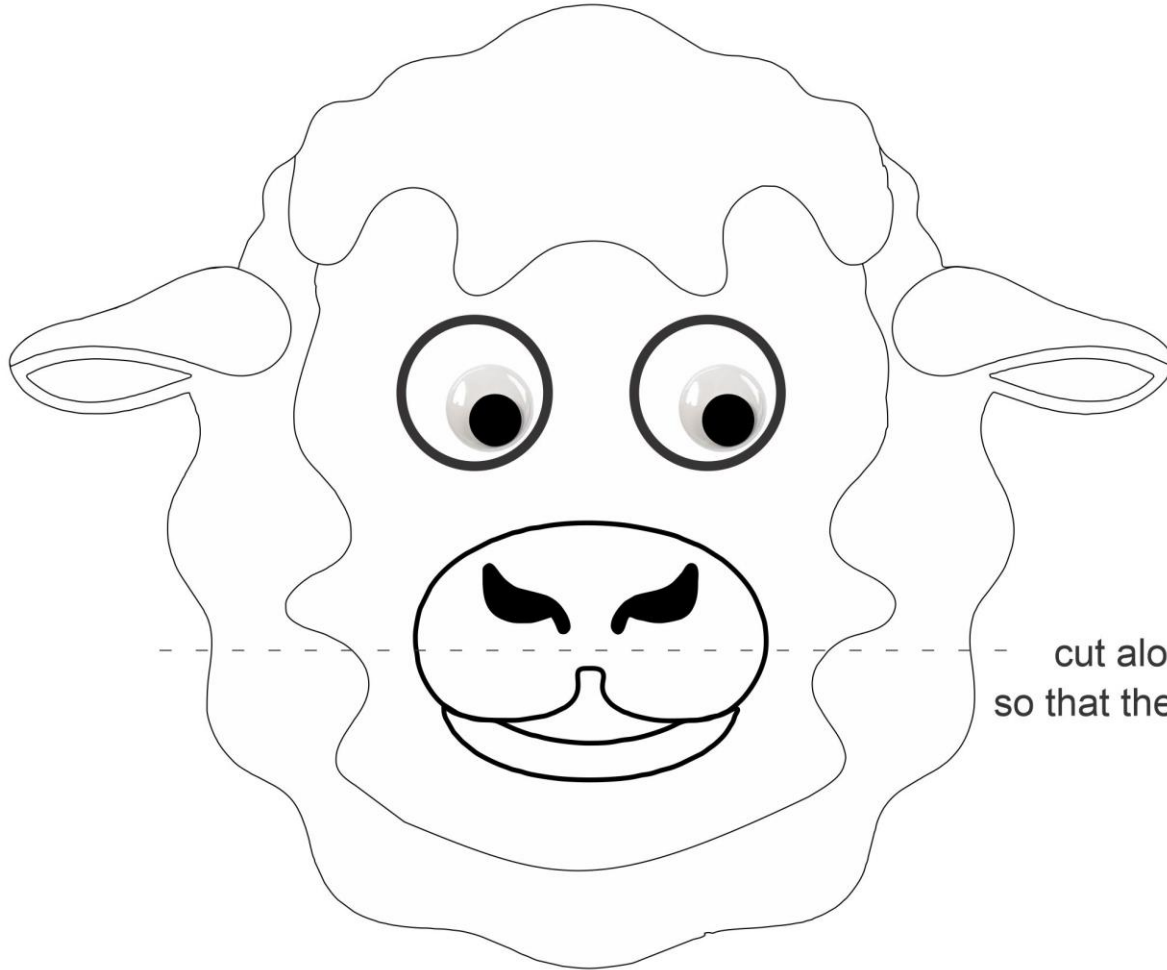




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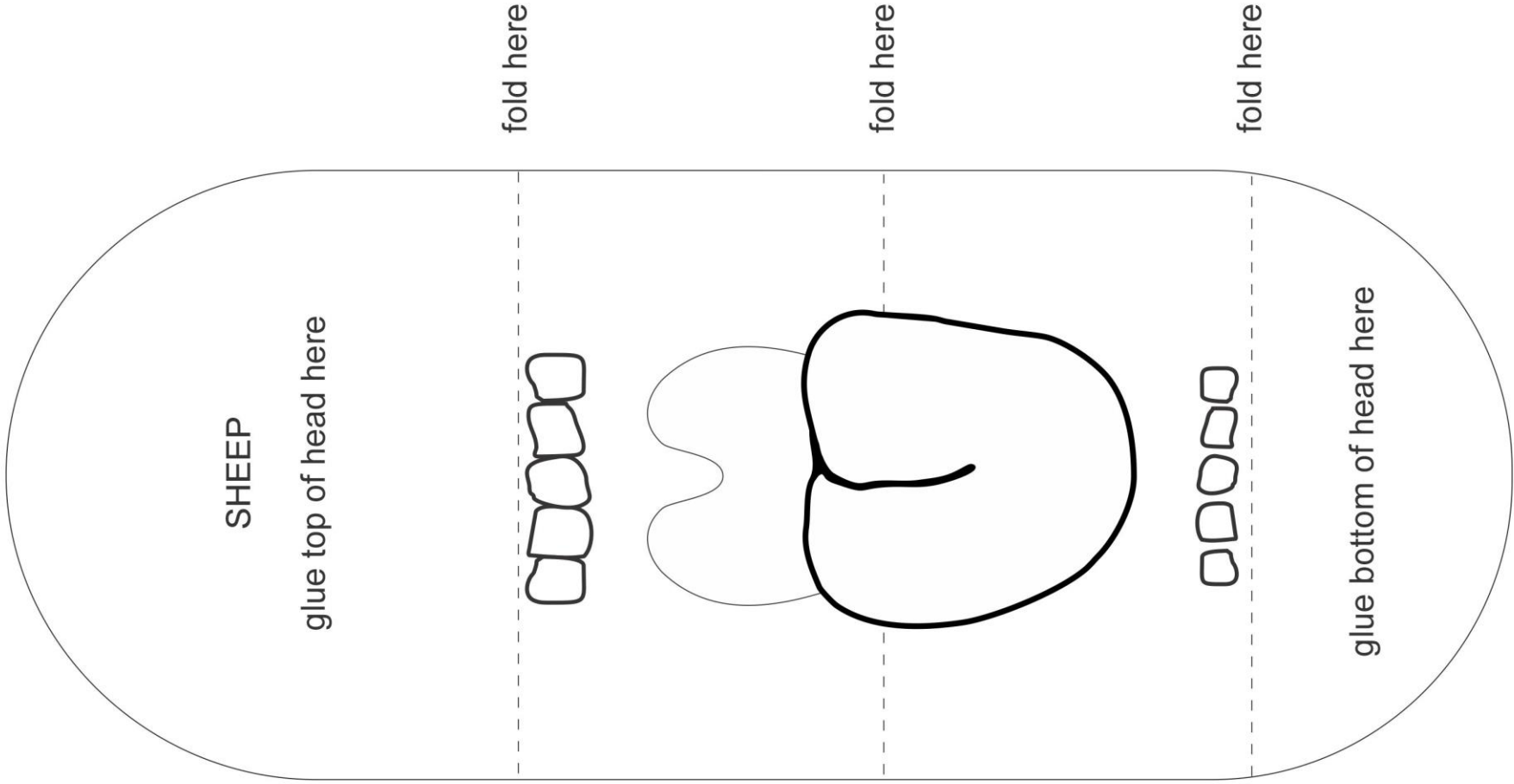
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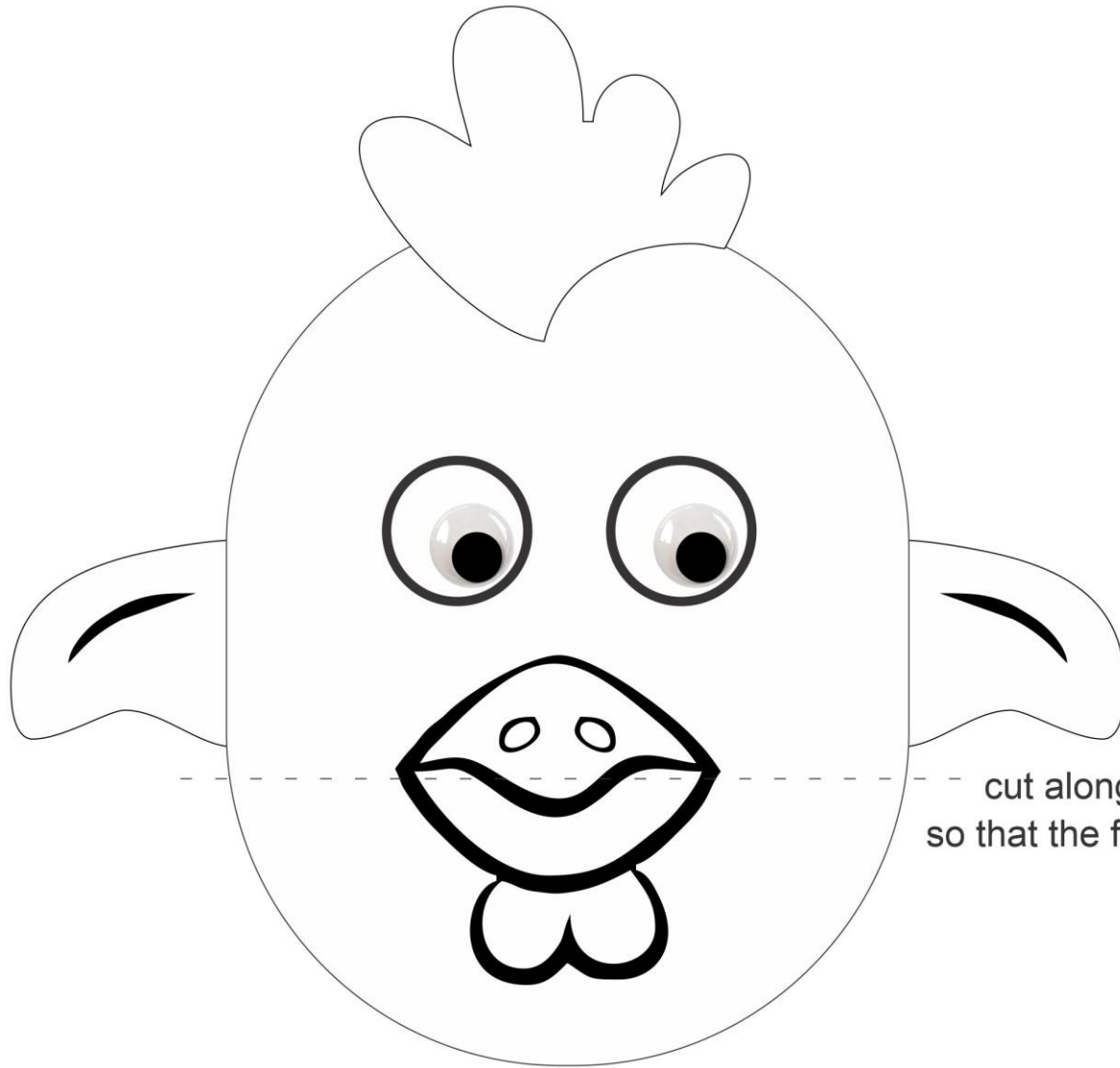




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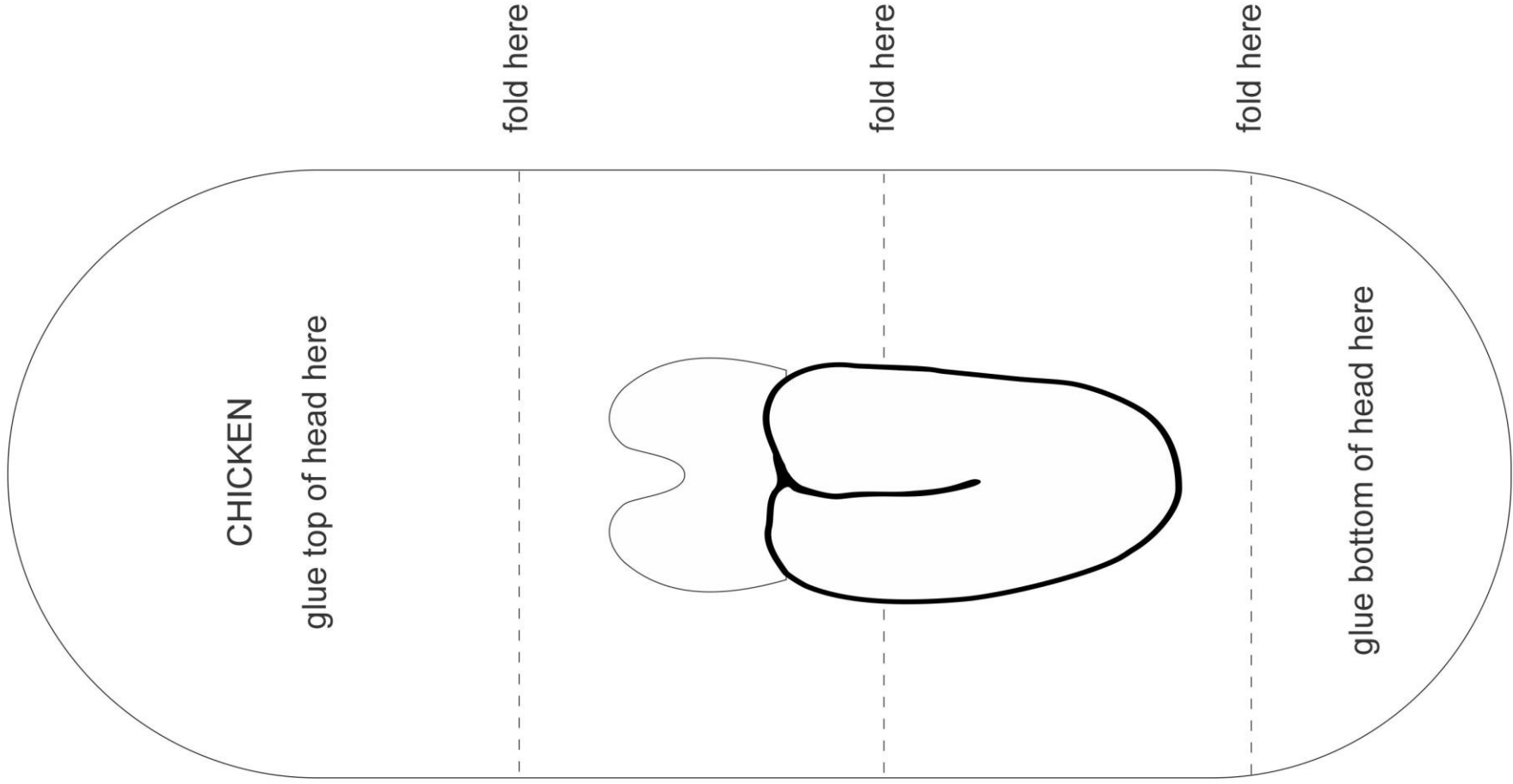
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CHICKEN

glue top of head here

fold here

fold here

fold here

glue bottom of head here

ONLY ONE REMEDY FOR BULLYING AND HURT FEELINGS!

A PUPPET SHOW ON SENTIENCE

Participants:

Angry Dog • Chicken • Pig • Cow • Sheep • Donkey

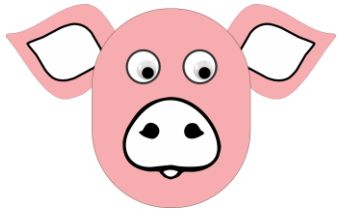
Cow, sheep and donkey are not active participants in the play to begin with and take an active part only towards the end.

But they are part of the scenery from the very beginning, chewing the cud, munching the grass and observing the chatter between Angry Dog, Pig and Chicken.



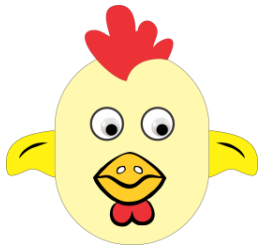
(Speaking to Chicken) Move out of my way Birdbrain!

And you too, Dirty Pig!



What's wrong with him today?

(Pig and Chicken speaking to each other in a confidential tone of voice)



Hello Dog, what's your problem!?

Do you know that name-calling is a form of bullying?

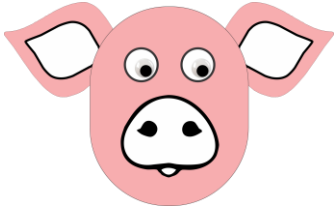
And I'm no birdbrain! There're lots of things you don't know about me!



Like what, Birdbrain?



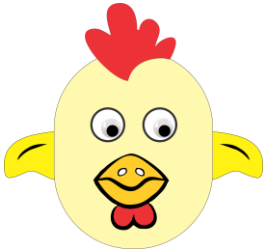
For starters, I'm a descendant of the dinosaurs. My ancestors go back more than 60 million years; I can see more colours than you can and I can talk to my chicks while they're still inside their eggs!



And there are lots of things you don't know about me either! Scientists say that I learn faster than dogs. Things like 'sit' and 'stay' and 'fetch'. Easy-peazy!

(SHORT PAUSE)

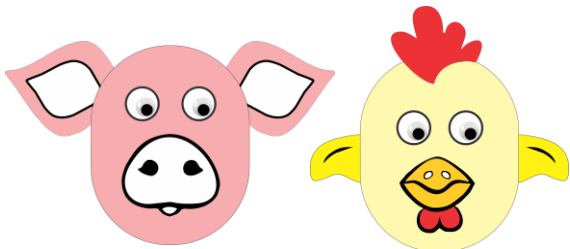
But truly, Angry Dog, this isn't about who is clever and who isn't. This is about our feelings. When you call me a dirty pig and Chicken a birdbrain, you hurt our feelings!



Yes! Your unkind words disrespect us.



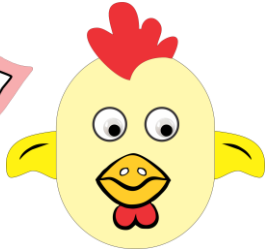
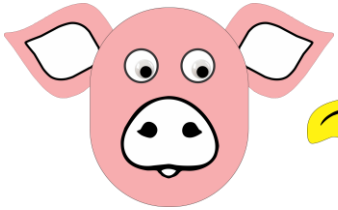
Well no-one worried about my feelings or about disrespecting me this morning.



What happened?



I was sniffing in a dustbin because I was hungry and some children came up and threw stones at me. One stone bonked me on the head!

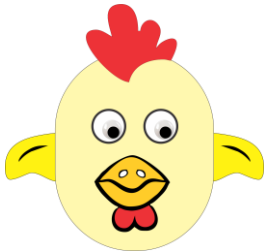


(In a shocked tone of voice)

Really! Shame! Let's see!



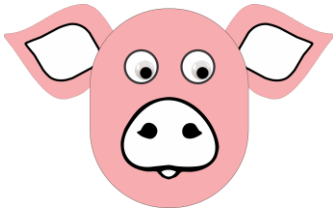
(Bows his head to show them an ugly bump)



Now I understand why you're so angry.



It hurt my head **and** my feelings!

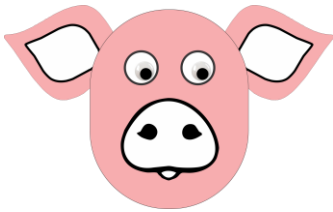


Humans can be very rude and disrespectful to animals, it's absolutely true. Those children should all come to *(NAME OF SCHOOL)* to learn about the **Five Freedoms for Animals**.



(Sadly)

The children called me names too.

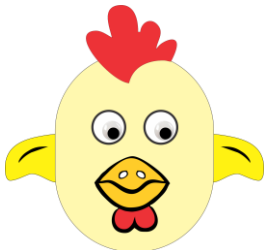


(In an indignant tone of voice)

Like what?

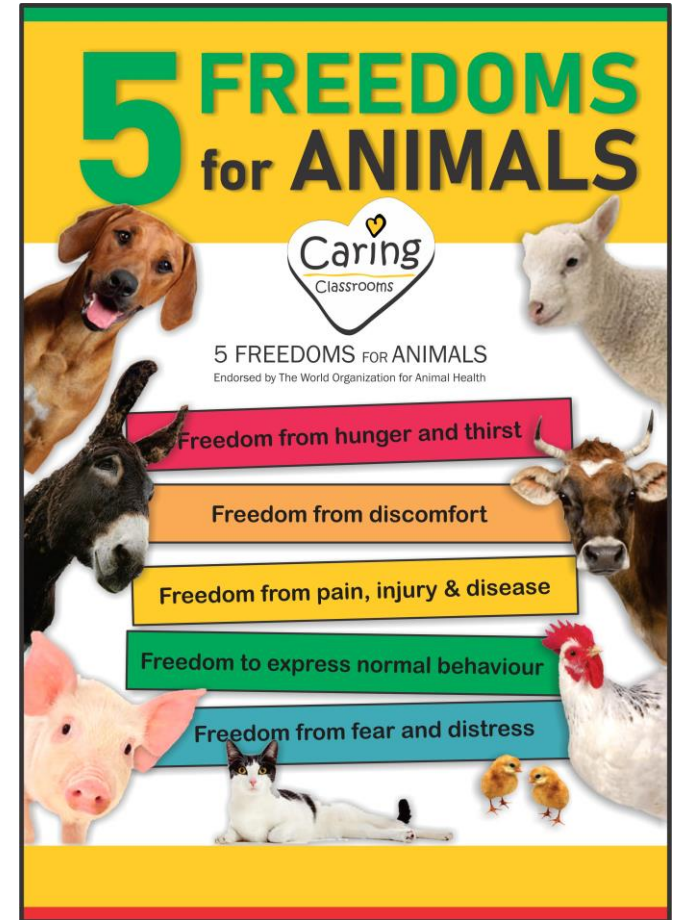


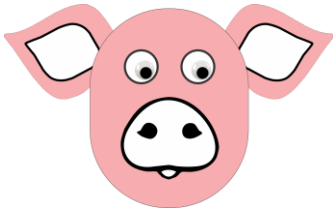
One of them said I was a piece of garbage!



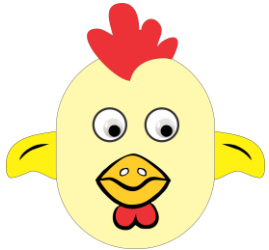
(Gasping with shock)

Shame Angry Dog. It really is no wonder you are so unhappy today.





See! It all makes sense now! The children were angry because they had probably been bullied, so they took their hurt and anger out on Angry Dog by bullying him, and then Angry Dog took his hurt and anger out on us by calling us names!

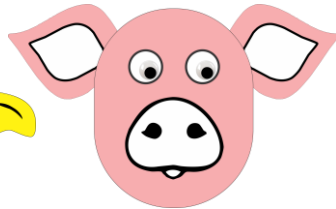
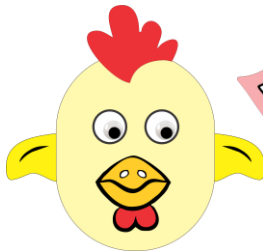


Yes, you're spot on Pig! That's how the cycle of bullying works!



(Coming closer as she eats the hay)

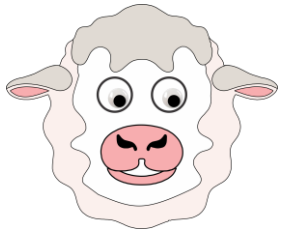
It's all about SENTIENCE. S-E-N-T-I-E-N-C-E. Sentience!



(All together) It's all about WHAT?



Sentience! That's what I teach my calves. I teach them that we are all sentient beings. That means we have feelings and we need to take care of each other's feelings, no matter whether we're born a human or a dog or a pig or a chicken or a cow or a sheep or a donkey or anything at all!



(In a sad voice full of self-doubt)

How do I know if I'm a sentient being?

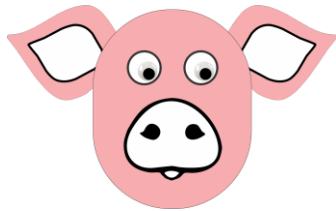


(Matter-of-factly)

Do you have feelings Sheep? Do you feel sad, or happy, or hurt, or afraid...?



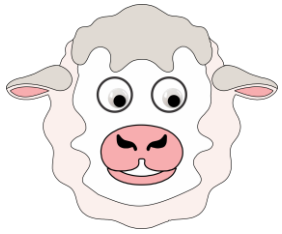
Or joyful?



Or miserable?



Or disrespected?



(Much more happily)

Yes, yes! I've felt all of those feelings!

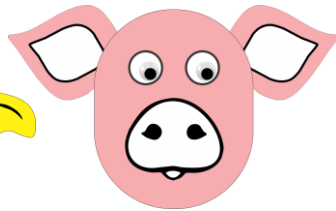
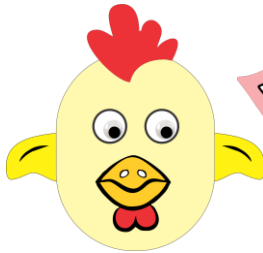


(With a smile in her voice)

Then you are as sentient as the rest of us!



Don't forget, everyone! There's only one cure for bullying and all the hurt feelings.



(All together)

What's the cure for bullying and all the hurt feelings?

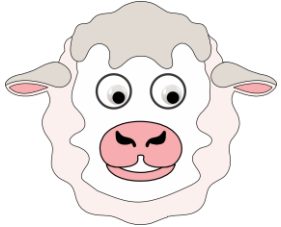


(Mysteriously) Come on, take a guess.

It's something we've all got already and it lives in our hearts.



Exactly! All we need to do is reach into our hearts to find it.

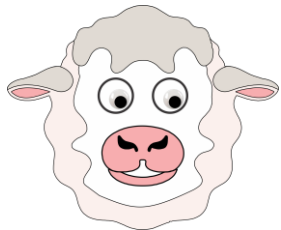


(With enthusiasm)

I know! I know what it is.



Well Sheep, what's your guess?



(With enthusiasm)

It lives in our hearts and it's called **KINDNESS!**



(With enthusiasm)

Well done Sheep!

The puppets turn to give each other happy 'high fives'

We've got it! Let's share it! It's called **KINDNESS**.

**ALL THE PUPPETS TAKE A BOW TO THANK
THE AUDIENCE FOR WATCHING THEIR SHOW.**



The **Five Freedoms for Animals** are a good guide for us in our relationship with the animals in our care.

5 FREEDOMS for ANIMALS



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