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# Charlotte's Web: Chapters 1 - 5

## Vocabulary Words

injustice  
enchanted  
perspiration  
trough  
mend  
thistle  
trench  
stealthily  
numerous

specimen  
vanished  
scythes  
orchard  
hullabaloo  
graze  
frolic  
objectionable  
scheming

blissful  
manure  
sheepfold  
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glutton  
meekly  
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## Short Answers

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3. What happened that disrupted Wilbur's great plans for his day?

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## Matching

Match each definition with a word from the vocabulary list.

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. sweat
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. joyful
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. animal waste that is used to fertilize land
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. to play joyfully
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. to think about again in order to possibly change your mind
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. someone who is greedy and always wants more
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. disappeared
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. greatly pleased
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. a sample

## Multiple Choice

Select the definition that most nearly defines the given word.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. **scythes**  
A. wanting to hurt or kill  
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C. tools with a curved handle and blade that is used to cut grass by hand  
D. planning
- \_\_\_\_\_ 21. **injustice**  
A. violation of a person's rights  
B. to think about again in order to possibly change your mind  
C. to fix  
D. confusion and excitement
- \_\_\_\_\_ 22. **specimen**  
A. a sample  
B. having many

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- C. disappeared
- D. to eat growing grass or plants

\_\_\_\_\_ 23. **vanished**

- A. disappeared
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\_\_\_\_\_ 24. **glutton**

- A. job
- B. a large container used for feed or water for animals
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- D. mildly

\_\_\_\_\_ 25. **trough**

- A. tools with a curved handle and blade that is used to cut grass by hand
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- C. a large container used for feed or water for animals
- D. a shelter for sheep

\_\_\_\_\_ 26. **commotion**

- A. confusion and excitement
- B. to play joyfully
- C. animal waste that is used to fertilize land
- D. a prickly plant that has purple head shaped much like a tube

\_\_\_\_\_ 27. **orchard**

- A. a place where fruit trees grow
- B. sweat
- C. offensive
- D. violation of a person's rights

\_\_\_\_\_ 28. **hullabaloo**

- A. sneaky and without being seen
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She asked her father if she had been born small, would he have killed her?

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He was lonely and sad, so he didn't feel like eating.

3. What happened that disrupted Wilbur's great plans for his day?

It rained.

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He called out and asked that the one who spoke to him the night before make himself or herself known.

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spring; The first page states that the grass was wet and the earth smelled of springtime.

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answers may vary, but might include she fed him milk with a bottle, tied a bib on him, and held the bottle for him. She also watched over him as a mother watches over her child.

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She spun it in her web and paralyzed it.
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