

Name: _____



Preview

Please log in to download the printable version of this worksheet.

by Neal Levin

Hamlin emptied his piggy bank and wanted a snack. Luckily, Boris had set up a pickle stand.

“How much are the pickles?” Hamlin asked.

“Five cents a piece or ten for a dollar,” Boris told him.

“Ten for a dollar? That sounds like a good deal,” Hamlin said.

“It’s a very good deal,” Boris said.

“I’ll take ten.” Hamlin counted out twenty nickels to make one dollar.

Boris gave him ten pickles. “Here you go. Ten for a dollar.”

“Wait a minute.” Hamlin thought something seemed odd.

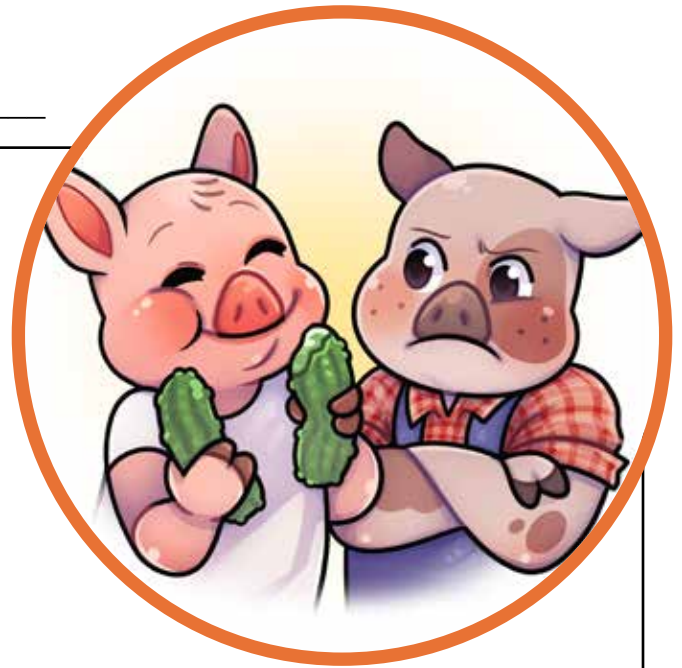
“If pickles are five cents apiece,

Name: _____

I should get twenty pickles for a dollar. You only gave me ten for a dollar, and you said that was a very good deal."

"It was a very good deal," Boris said. "A very good deal for me." Then he put up a sign. "Now they're on sale, though. Two for one."

Hamlin thought about that. Two



dollar. They were back to five cents apiece.



Preview

Please log in to download the printable version of this worksheet.

told him.

Hamlin grunted. "You said two for one."

"Two nickels for one pickle," Boris said. "Four nickels for two pickles. Or ten for a dollar." He put up another sign. "But now everything's half off."

Hamlin thought that sounded good. Half off meant half price. Even if they'd been ten for a dollar, now they'd be twenty for a

Hamlin had a pickle.

"What's this?"

"It's a pickle with half off," Boris said.

"Pickles are supposed to be five cents apiece," Hamlin squealed. "I gave you five cents, but you only gave me part of a pickle."

"That's a piece," Boris said.

"Pickles are five cents a piece or ten for a dollar. You should buy some. It's a very good deal."

Name: _____

Pickles for Nickels

by Neal Levin



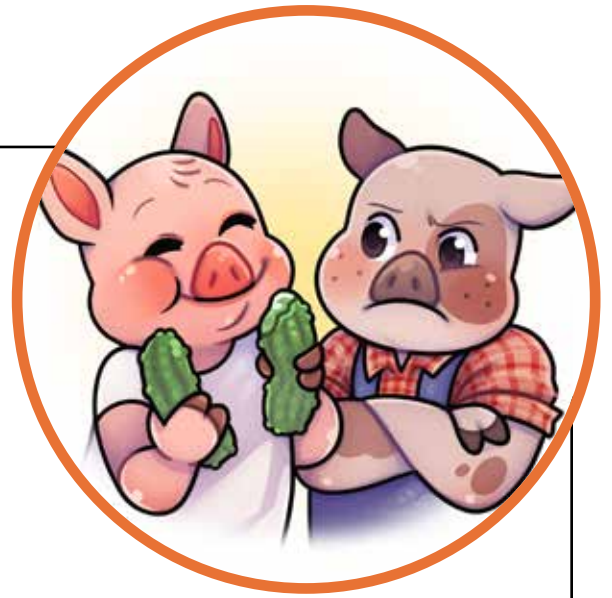
1. What is the lesson the author teaches?
 - a. Always bring more money than you need.
 - b. Pickles should only cost 5¢ each.
 - c. You should try to buy food on sale.
 - d. Words can have different meanings.
2. Reread the following sentences from the article. Then say how Hamlin feels based on the underlined words.

A banner featuring a superhero character on the left, wearing a red cape and a blue suit with a shield emblem that says 'MJS'. To the right, the word 'Preview' is written in large red letters. Below it, the text reads: 'Please log in to download the printable version of this worksheet.'

What Boris says	What Hamlin thinks he means	What Boris means
a nickel a piece	<u>"a piece,"</u> or one nickel for each pickle	<u>"a piece,"</u> or one nickel for a piece of a pickle
a very good deal	a good deal for Hamlin	
two for one		two nickels for one pickle
half off		

Name: _____

Pickles for Nickels



Fill in the missing letters to create a vocabulary word from the story. Then write the full word on the line. Be sure you spell each word correctly.

1. n i _ _ k _ _ _

clue: equal to 5¢

2. g _ _ _ n _ _ e d



Preview

Please log in to download the printable version of this worksheet.

clue: there are 100 in a dollar

6. s _ _ _ c e _ _

clue: cut through smoothly

7. s q _ _ _ l e d

clue: let out a high, shrill sound

8. _ _ p _ _ _ c e

clue: each

9. d e _ _ _

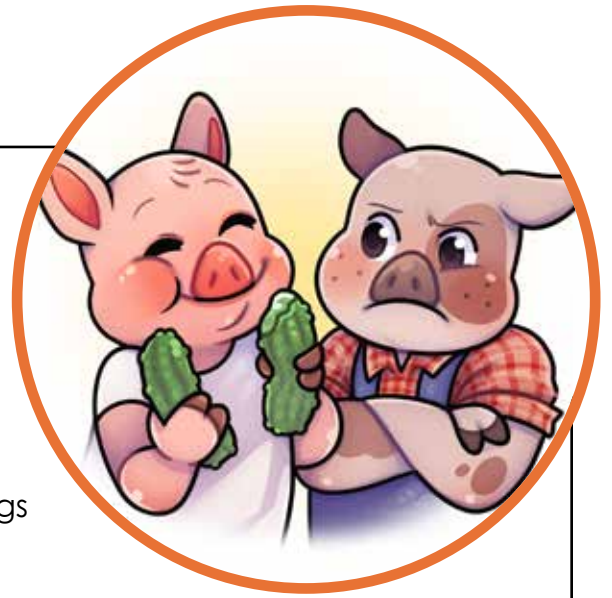
clue: a trade; a good price

10. s i _ _ _

clue: something that tells information, like a price

Name: _____

Pickles for Nickels



In the story, "Pickles for Nickels," you read about the pigs Hamlin and Boris. Hamlin thought Boris meant things that he didn't mean.

Think of a time when you didn't understand something, or when someone didn't understand you. What was it about? How did it make you feel? What would have helped to make things more clear?

Preview
Please log in to download
the printable version of this worksheet.

ANSWER KEY

Pickles for Nickels

by Neal Levin



1. What is the lesson the author teaches?
 - a. Always bring more money than you need.

Preview

Please log in to download the printable version of this worksheet.



two for one	two pickles for one nickel	two nickels for one pickle
half off	half off the price OR two pickles for one nickel	a pickle with half cut off OR two nickels for one pickle

ANSWER KEY

Pickles for Nickels



Fill in the missing letters to create a vocabulary word from the story. Then write the full word on the line. Be sure you spell each word correctly.

1. n i c k e l _____

nickel

Preview

Please log in to download the printable version of this worksheet.



clue: a trade; a good price

10. s i g n _____

sign

clue: something that tells information, like a price