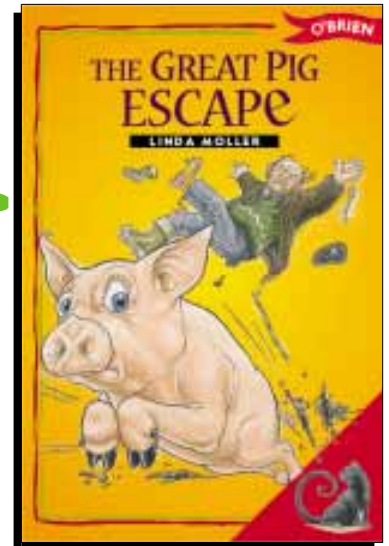


# ACTIVITY SHEET 4



- ▶ 'As they passed the news on to each other, people arranged their faces to look serious, even aghast. But a picture kept entering their heads. A picture of Jos Taggerty, red-faced, huffing and puffing up and down roads looking for his pigs, and it was impossible not to laugh' (p.55). What does this sentence tell us about Taggerty and how the villagers feel about him?

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- ▶ Match each villager with the item(s) or people associated with them:

*The postman*

*pig swill*

*Jones*

*sawdust*

*The carpenter*

*turnips*

*Johnny from Updown Farm*

*the Holly Bush*

*Bessie*

*cattle truck*

*Tom Price*

*Mary Mott*

*Jos Taggerty*

*the post office*

- ▶ 'The "PIGS ON THE ROAD" sign was read by car drivers with surprise' (p.58). Write the dialogue between two or three occupants of a car as they read the notice.

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- ▶ 'A niggling little fear crept into his mind. The rabbits ate sprouts and they died, and there wasn't a mark on them. We ate sprouts and ...?' (p. 63). If you haven't already read the story, write what you think will happen next. If you already know, write a possible alternative.

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