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Key Vocabulary	
piglet	a baby pig
sanctuary	a place where someone is protected and/or given shelter
victim	an individual harmed by another
whistleblower	a person who tells police, reporters, or others about something (such as a crime) that has been kept secret

Whistleblower Saves Piglets

Imagine if you were in a group of friends who thought it was fun to be cruel. Would you be strong enough or brave enough to act in the **victim's** defense? There is one teen **whistleblower** who was. Eight baby pigs were rescued, thanks to the teen's quick action. The **piglets** were being used for paintball target practice.

One **piglet** had already lost an eye when she was saved before any more harm was done. Thanks to this **whistleblower**, who told a trusted adult, the piglets are safe now in a **sanctuary** called Rooterville: a place where a pig can dig in the dirt, play, and be a pig! Visit **rooterville.org**.

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Comprehension Questions: Whistleblower Saves Piglets

1. Who were the **victims** in this story? How do you know?

2. Why do you think this group of friends wanted to hurt animals?

3. What do you think life may be like now for the piglets at Rooterville **Sanctuary**?

4. Why did the teen become a whistleblower and report the actions of his or her friends?

Answer Sheet:

Whistleblower Saves Piglets

1. Who were the victims in this story? How do you know?

Answer: The piglets were the victims, because they were shot with a paintball gun and had to be rescued. (Literal)

2. Why do you think the group of friends wanted to hurt animals?

Possible answer: The group of friends thought it was fun to shoot pigs with a paintball gun and didn't care how the pigs felt. Some people don't care or don't understand that pigs can feel pain and get scared. (Inferential)

3. What do you think life may be like now for the piglets at Rooterville Sanctuary?

Answer: At Rooterville **Sanctuary**, the piglets are safe and can dig in the dirt, play together, and just be pigs. (Literal)

4. Why did the teen become a whistleblower and report the actions of his or her friends?

Possible answer: The **whistleblower** was brave enough to stand up for the piglets because he or she knew that it was wrong to be cruel to animals. (Inferential)