

Voices from the Barn Answer Key

(Sample Diary Entries)

1. Boxer

"Today I felt the strain of the work more than ever, but I reminded myself of my duty: 'I will work harder.' Even when my muscles ache, I know the farm depends on me. Napoleon says it is for the good of all, and I trust him. I must stay strong for the others."

2. Clover

"I saw with my own eyes that the pigs walked into the farmhouse again, drinking from cups. I was certain the commandments once forbade this. Yet when I looked at the wall, the rules had changed. I do not understand, but perhaps I remember wrongly."

3. Mollie

"I hate this place without sugar and ribbons. What use is freedom if I cannot look beautiful? The other animals think me selfish, but I long for the humans who gave me treats. Perhaps tomorrow, I will leave this farm behind."

4. Benjamin

"Nothing surprises me anymore. The pigs take, the others obey, and the windmill falls again. They cheer, they suffer, and I say little, for what difference do words make? I will endure until the end, as I always have."

5. Squealer

"I am proud of today's speech. At first the animals doubted, but soon they believed my explanation without question. It is not hard to twist words when others are too tired to think. Napoleon will be pleased with my service."