

## CRAZY BUT TRUE

# CRAZY PIG POO FIRE

**A GREEDY pig caused a fire at a farm last Saturday, after a very strange chain of events.**

First, you need to know that one pig on the farm in Yorkshire was wearing a pedometer. This is a gadget that keeps track of the number of steps you take. The pig was wearing the pedometer to prove that the pigs were 'free range' animals and could roam around freely.

But, the trouble began when another pig ate the first pig's pedometer!

It passed all the way through the pig and came out in its poo. That might have been the end of the story, but then the batteries in the pedometer leaked out copper (a metal). This reacted with the pig poo and set fire to the dry hay!



The fire then spread across four pigpens at the farm and firefighters were called to put out the blaze. Luckily no pigs or people were harmed.

If it was the plot of a film, you probably wouldn't believe it.



Firefighters put out the last of the fire. Imagine the smell!

## Questions on: 'Crazy pig poo fire'

1) Where and when did this fire start?

Where:.....

When:.....

2) What gadget was one of the pigs wearing?

smartwatch

pedometer

thermometer

3) Why was the pig wearing this gadget?

4) What "might have been the end of the story"?

5) In **four** steps, explain how the fire started.

1: ..... 2: .....

3: ..... 4: .....

6) What is a "chain of events"?

7) What **three** substances, or materials, caused a fire when mixed together?

1: .....

2: .....

3: .....

8) What **comment** does the writer make at the end of the news report?

Do you agree?