Charlotte's Web

Guided Reading Questions and Activities Answers

Chapter 7 and 8

(AF2) What does Wilbur particularly admire about Charlotte and why?
Wilbur particularly admires the fact that Charlotte puts her victims to sleep before eating them because it is a kind and thoughtful thing to do.

(AF3) Why does Fern grow 'rigid on her stool'?
Fern grows 'rigid on her stool' because Wilbur suddenly screams after finding out from the sheep that he will be killed.

(AF4) Chapter 7 is short and dramatic. What effect does this have?
As chapter 7 is a short and dramatic chapter, it feels like a turning point in the story. It suddenly changes the feel of the story which up until now has been pleasant and happy.

(AF5) Mr Arable says Fern has a 'lively imagination'. What does he mean?
When Mr Arable says that Fern has a 'lively imagination', he means that she has made up the fact that the animals can talk and that she can understand them.

(AF6) How do Mr and Mrs Arable's attitudes to Fern differ?
Mrs Arable worries about Fern and thinks that she is talking nonsense. however, Mr Arable is less worried about her and thinks that there could be some truth in what Fern is saying.

(AF7) Can you think of any other stories that involve talking animals?
Pupil's own response.