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Concentrating on food, the conversion of pig to pork, most authorities on the subject ignore the animals brain. The peasants of Perigord have proved that the pig is trainable, teaching him to find black truffles buried amongst the roots of oak trees, but scientists dismiss this evidence of intelligence, claiming that the pig is sexually attracted by the truffle. They accept the colloquial equation of 'pig-headed' with stubborn stupidity. Sue, that clever sporting pig, might have grunted expressively at such presumptions but she seemed, increasingly, a creature of distant myth. I came to believe that her story could have no sequel, that is stood alone, a unique marvel of its day. Then I heard an echo, a whisper from Wales. There was talk of pigs pursuing sheep across the meadows of the Gower Peninsular. The reality was even stranger.

Answer the following questions:

- (a) Find an example of a sentence with a subject predicative
- (b) Find an example of a passive sentence
- (c) Identify one verb group which contains a perfect participle and the perfect auxiliary as its only auxiliary verb, and another which contains a modal and a perfect participle
- (d) Identify a prepositional phrase in which the noun phrase contains a second prepositional phrase
- (e) Find an adjective modifying an abstract noun