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*Answer:* 18 Cups

*Solution:* Since each of the 7 puppies eats 2 cups of food each day, all of the puppies eat 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 cups of food in a day. The piglet eats twice as much as a puppy, and twice as much as 2 cups is 4 cups. So, the baby animals eat 14 + 4 = 18 cups of food in total.

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*Answer:* The Alarm Clock

*Solution:* Since the farmer sleeps through his alarm 3 times every 12 days, he wakes up to his alarm clock 9 times every 12 days. So, the alarm clock is successful 9 ÷ 12 = ¾ of the mornings it’s used. The duck wakes up the farmer 2 ÷ 3 = ⅔ of the mornings it quacks. Since ¾ is more than ⅔, the alarm clock is more effective than the duck.

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*Answer:* 1½ inches × 1 inch × 2½ inches

*Solution:* Twelve yards is 36 feet, and 18 inches is 1½ feet. So, the dimensions of the farmhouse are 36 ÷ 1½ = 24 times the dimensions of the dollhouse. To find the dimensions of the miniature refrigerator, we divide by 24:

3 feet (36 inches) divided by 24 is 1½ inches.

2 feet (24 inches) divided by 24 is 1 inch.

5 feet (60 inches) divided by 24 is 2½ inches.

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*Answer:* The Pig

*Solution:* The distance between the pig and the sheep closes at a rate of 11 – 3 = 8 miles per hour. The distance between the border collie and the sheep closes by 25 – 20 = 5 miles per hour. Since the distance between the pig and the sheep closes faster than the distance between the border collie and the sheep, the pig catches up faster.