

Reading Comprehension

Set 5 Story 1

The duckchick

Name: _____

Class: _____

Date: _____

Notes to adults:

- These activity booklets are not tests. They should not be done under test conditions.
- They are to be used to teach comprehension - not test.
- The purpose is for the children to understand the story - every word, paragraph and page! In addition to this the children are also gaining valuable experience of answering SATs style questions.

Assessment

- When marking these reading comprehension booklets it is best to do this with the child. Clarify misconceptions by underlining key words and phrases, circling important sentences and discussing the text together.
- When children complete three consecutive reading comprehension booklets of the same 'set' independently they can be moved onto the next set.

These booklets are not suitable for any children who have been assessed at 2A+.

The duckchick

Mama hen had a problem. Things began to go wrong in the spring, when she was sitting in her nest on her six eggs.

Egg 6 was very big.

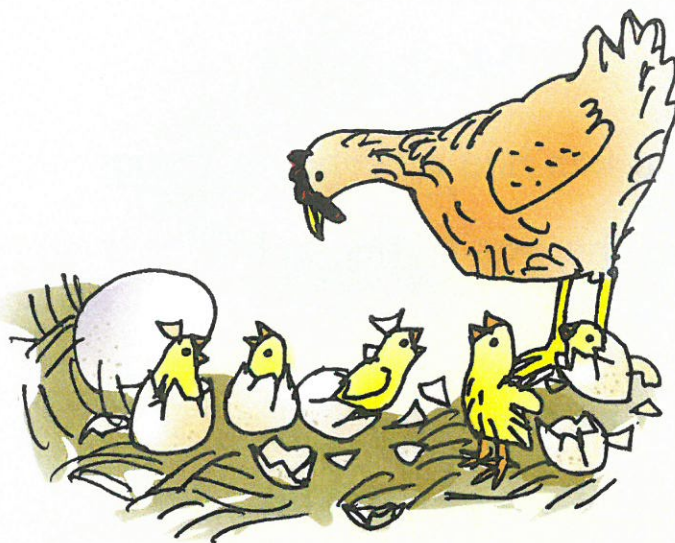
Mama hen sat on it a lot,
and went "Cluck" at it, but she
felt a bit upset that it was so big.



How many eggs did Mama hen have in her nest?

Why did Mama hen feel a bit upset?

Eggs 1-5 began to hatch.



The soft, fluffy chicks (Sam and
Chip and Dan and Ben and Mag)
pecked and pecked at the shells
until they went crack.

What were the first five chicks called?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Then, with a very big cccc-r-a-ck,
egg 6 hatched as well.
But this chick was a duckchick!

"Cluck!" went Mama hen, shocked.

"Cluck!" went Sam, and Chip,
and Dan, and Ben, and Mag.



"Quack!" went the duckchick.

Why was Mama hen shocked when Egg 6 hatched?

What did the duckchick say when he saw Mama hen?

Mama hen and the chicks went to the pond.

Mama hen and Sam and Chip and Dan

and Ben and Mag pecked up lots of grubs from the mud.

The duckchick flapped his long wings, stretched his long neck, and

"Splash!" jumped into the pond.

He pecked up some crusts.



"Cluck!" went Mama hen, shocked.

"Cluck!" went Sam, and Chip, and Dan, and Ben, and Mag.

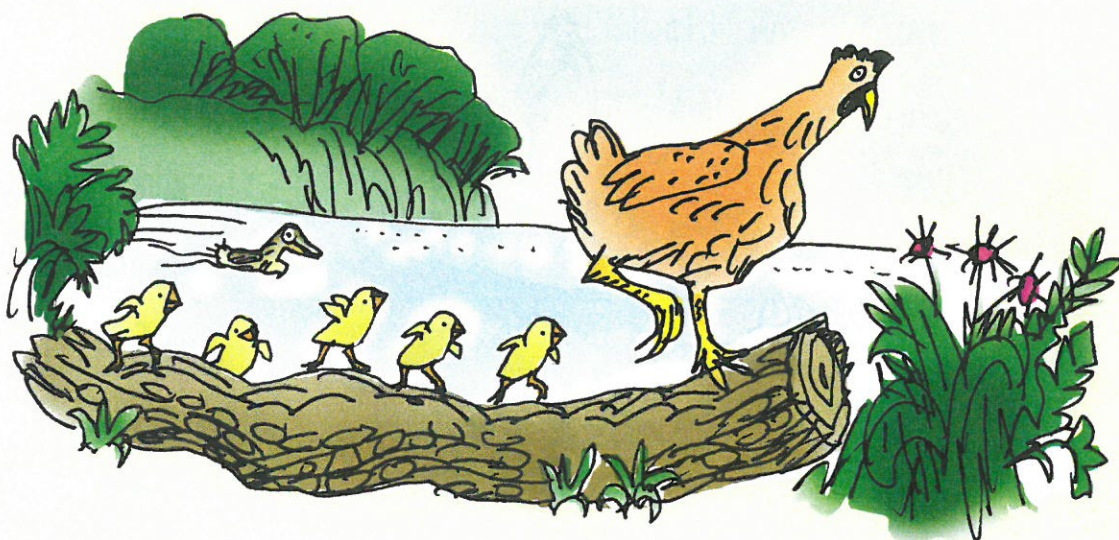
"Quack!" went the duckchick.

How did Mama hen feel when the duckchick
jumped into the pond?

Mama hen jumped up on a log.

Sam, and Chip, and Dan, and Ben, and Mag
jumped up as well.

They hopped along the log.



What did Mama hen and the chicks do on the log?

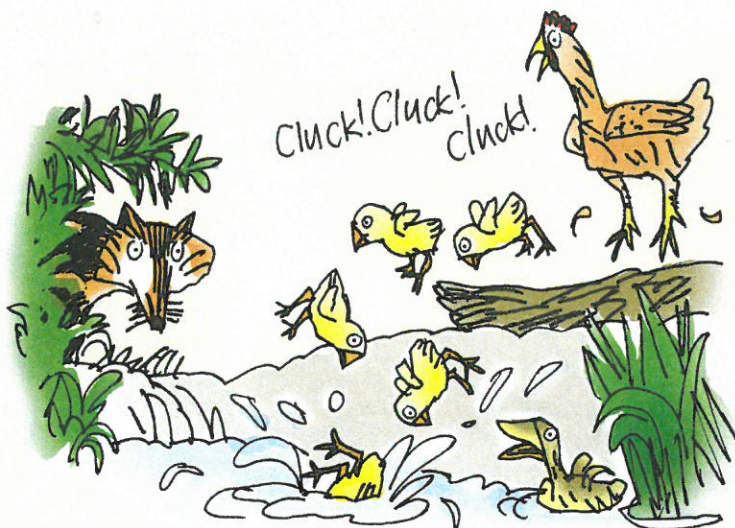
What did the duckchick do?

But a fox was watching them.

When Mama hen saw it, she went,

"Cluck! Cluck! Cluck!"

and all the chicks fell in the pond!



"Help!" went Sam.

"Help!" went Chip.

"Help!" went Dan.

"Help!" went Ben.

"Help!" went Mag.

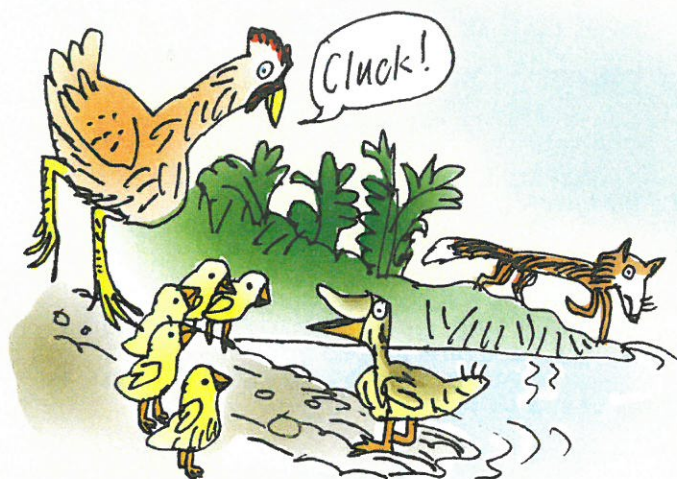
Why did the chicks fall in the pond?

How did the chicks feel when they fell in the pond?

Quick as a flash, the duckchick swam across to them.

He grabbed Sam by his leg and swam with him to the bank.

Then Chip, and Dan, and Ben, and Mag.



"Cluck!" went Mama hen.

"Thanks, duckchick!"

"Quack!" went the duckchick. "Quack, quack!"

Do you think Mama hen has changed the way she feels about the duckchicks? Why?
