

## Module 1

# Chicken-Licken

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## Vocabulary check

haystack	a large pile of cut hay
pondweed	a tangled plant that grows in ponds
terrified	very, very scared
ran, helter-skelter	running fast, dashing crazily
scaly	skin made of scales, like a snake or bird's foot
red comb	red skin on the top of a cockerel's head
grassy bank	the edge of a pond or river
oak tree	a type of tree that grows acorns as seeds
acorn	the seed of an oak tree, about the size of a marble

# Text 1: Chicken-Licken

1 Chicken-Licken was walking through the forest. As he walked, he worried. What if his mother, Hen-Len, was snatched by a fox? What if his father, Cock-Lock, fell off the haystack and broke his neck? What if their friend, Duck-Luck, got stuck in the pondweed and drowned? What if, what if, what if...?

2 And then he heard:  
Bang!

Chicken-Licken was terrified.  
He flapped his wings and jumped up and down.

“Cheep! Cheep! Help! The sky has fallen down!  
It hit me on the head! I must run away, as fast as I can!”



## Quick check

- Chicken-Licken was
- a) snatched by a fox.
  - b) stuck in the pondweed with Duck-Luck.
  - c) always worrying that bad things might happen.
  - d) on a haystack.

*Underline the evidence.*

Chicken-Licken was scared because

- a) his wings were flapping.
- b) he was jumping.
- c) he had to run away.
- d) he thought the sky had fallen on his head.

*Underline the evidence.*

## Questions to write about

1 Circle the word below which best describes Chicken-Licken at the beginning of the story.

sad      young      scared      embarrassed

2 Why did Chicken-Licken jump up and down? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3 He ran out of the forest. He ran, helter-skelter, all the way to the hen-house. And there was Hen-Len, sitting on her eggs. “What’s the matter, Chicken-Licken?” clucked Hen-Len, scratching at the straw with her scaly foot. “Why are you running?” “The sky has fallen down! It hit me on the head!” cheeped Chicken-Licken. “Come on, Hen-Len – we must run away, as fast as we can!”

4 They ran, helter-skelter, all the way to the farmyard. And there was Cock-Lock, standing on his haystack.

“Cock-a-doodle-doo! What’s the matter, Hen-Len?” crowed Cock-Lock, shaking his red comb. “Why are you running?”

“The sky has fallen down!” clucked Hen-Len. “Come on, Cock-Lock – we must run away, as fast as we can!”

### Questions to write about

3 ‘He ran, helter-skelter, all the way to the hen house.’ Why does the author describe Chicken-Licken running like this?

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4 What was Cock-Lock doing when Hen-Len and Chicken-Licken came?

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### Quick check

- Chicken-Licken told Hen-Len.
- a) to scratch the floor.
  - b) to sit on her eggs.
  - c) to run away because the sky had fallen.
  - d) to hit him on the head.

*Underline the evidence.*

- Cock-Lock was
- a) combing his feathers.
  - b) under a haystack.
  - c) scratching at the straw.
  - d) shaking his head on top of a haystack.

*Underline the evidence.*



5 They ran, helter-skelter, all the way to the duck pond. And there was Duck-Luck, hopping up on to the grassy bank.

“What’s the matter, Cock-Lock?” quacked Duck-Luck, pecking at his wet feathers.

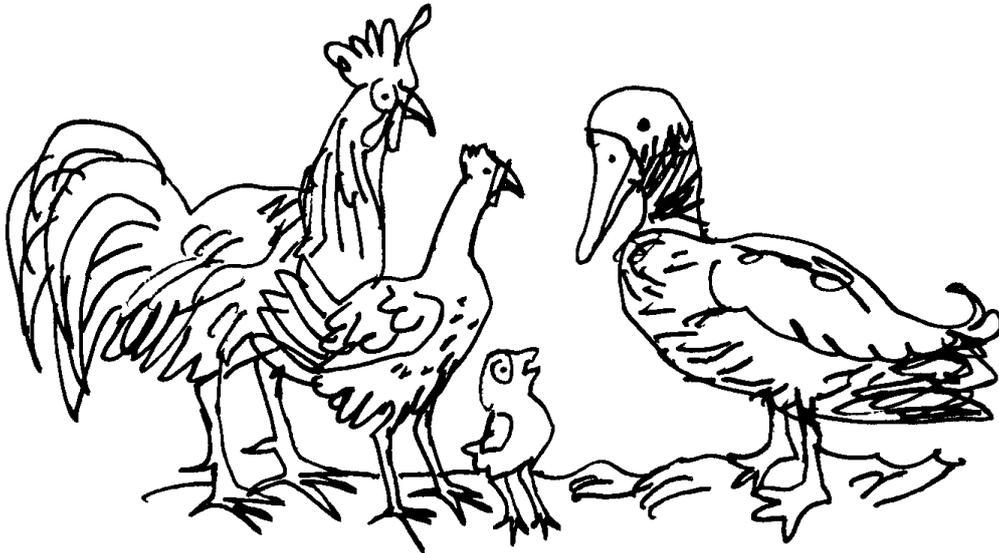
“Why are you running?”

“The sky has fallen down!” crowed Cock-Lock. “Come on, Duck-Luck – we must run away, as fast as we can!”

### Quick check

- Cock-Lock tells Duck-Luck
- a) to peck at his wet feathers.
  - b) to run away.
  - c) to hop up and down.
  - d) to stay on the bank.

*Underline the evidence.*



### Questions to write about

5 Where was Duck-Luck when Cock-Lock found him? How do you know?

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6 “Whoa! Wait a minute!” Duck-Luck looked at Chicken-Licken and Hen-Len and Cock-Lock. “What do you mean, the sky has fallen down? Who told you such a thing, Cock-Lock?”

“Hen-Len told me,” crowed Cock-Lock.

“Who told you such a thing, Hen-Len?”

“Chicken-Licken told me,” clucked Hen-Len.

7 “Ah! Chicken-Licken!” quacked Duck-Luck. He smiled to himself. “Will you show me where it happened, Chicken-Licken? Will you show me the place where the sky fell down?”

“Yes, I’ll show you!” cheeped Chicken-Licken. “I’ll show you where the sky fell down! It made a loud noise and hit me on the head!”

So Chicken-Licken and Hen-Len and Cock-Lock and Duck-Luck went all the way back to the forest.

They stopped under an oak tree.

“This is where the sky fell down,” cheeped Chicken-Licken.

### Quick check

Duck-Luck

- a) runs away helter skelter.
- b) clucks at Hen-Len.
- c) asks the chickens how they know about the sky.
- d) laughs out loud.

*Underline the evidence.*

Chicken-Licken

- a) made a loud noise.
- b) showed the others where he had been hit.
- c) climbed up an oak tree.

*Underline the evidence.*



### Questions to write about

6 Why do you think Duck-Luck asked Cock-Lock who had told him that the sky had fallen down?

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7 Which sentence tells you that Duck-Luck doesn’t believe the others?

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8 And then they heard:  
Bang!

A tiny acorn fell from one of the branches of the oak tree and landed on the ground by Chicken-Licken's feet.

"Was that the noise you heard?" quacked Duck-Luck.

"Er – yes," cheeped poor Chicken-Licken. He hid his face under Hen-Len's wing.

"You silly little Chicken-Licken!" clucked Hen-Len. "The sky didn't fall down! It was just an acorn!"

### Quick check

Duck-Luck

- a) climbed the oak tree.
- b) hid his face under Hen-Len's wing.
- c) fell from a branch.
- d) showed Chicken-Licken what really made the noise.

*Underline the evidence.*



### Questions to write about

8 What do you think Hen-Len and Cock-Lock should have done when Chicken-Licken told them about the sky?

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# Text 2: Henry's visit to the jungle

## Think about vocabulary

### Activity 1

Henry  
exhausted  
worried  
excited

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amazed  
worried  
bothered

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exhausted  
happy  
thoughtful

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surprised  
furious  
in despair

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frightened  
joyful  
angry

1 Waddling through the thick green jungle, Henry Hippo felt that something was wrong. His wise old grandfather, Horatio, had taught him that jungle life was full of dangers and disasters. Indeed, Horatio had never ever stepped outside of his village for fear of what might happen to him.

2 Eventually, after walking for the longest time, Henry came to the deep blue lake where the still water reflected the beautiful trees and plants of the jungle.

"How clever the lake is," Henry said to himself. "It has some of the trees and plants of the jungle!"

3 Feeling hot and tired, Henry thought he might go for a cool swim. The water looked so inviting and the midday sun was so hot.

4 He ran quickly into the lake and jumped in with an almighty splash. Like a huge stone thrown into a pond, Henry made great waves and the reflection of the trees and plants disappeared. When Henry looked at the water he could see nothing.

5 "Oh no, no, no!" he cried, "The lake is taking our trees and plants – soon we will have no home left!" Henry panicked and rushed to the nearby zebras who were drinking at the lake.

"Quick, quick! The lake is taking our trees and plants – soon we will have no home left!!"

### Activity 2

stomping  
wobbling  
charging

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saw  
mirrored  
loved

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delightful  
muddy  
clear

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vanished  
forgot  
grew

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hurried  
dawdled  
walked

## Vocabulary catch

Word	Synonym or meaning

## Build a picture

- 1 Henry Hippo looked at the lake.
- 2 Henry saw the forest had gone.

## Writing composition prompts

Horatio's questions to Henry:

*Where have you been?*

*Why are you looking so worried?*

*What has happened?*

*Are you sure the lake took away the trees?*

*Why do you think that happened?*

## Think about grammar

- 1 Write A over the adjectives. Write N over the nouns. Underline the noun phrases.

Henry Hippo waddled through the thick green jungle.

Henry came to the deep blue lake where the still water reflected the beautiful trees and plants of the jungle.



- 2 Change the verbs into the present tense.

The water looked so inviting and the midday sun was so hot.

Henry ran quickly into the lake and jumped in with an almighty splash.

- 3 Add the missing adverb to each sentence.

I looked \_\_\_\_\_ at the cool water.

[longing longed longingly]

Henry walked \_\_\_\_\_ into the jungle.

[careful carefully care]

- 4 Add the missing punctuation to each sentence.

henrys grandfather taught him that jungle life was full of scary things  
dangers and disasters [Add 4]

henry was hot tired and hungry so he thought he might go for a cool swim  
[Add 3]

- 5 Add the missing conjunctions to each sentence.

[and but or]

“Will I go for a swim \_\_\_\_\_ not?” thought Henry.

He ran quickly into the lake \_\_\_\_\_ jumped in with an almighty splash.

Henry looked at the reflection of the trees and plants \_\_\_\_\_ when he  
splashed into the water they disappeared.

- 6 Circle the correct sentence type. Add the right punctuation to the end of each sentence.

He ran quickly into the lake [question statement command]

Why is the lake taking the trees [question statement command]

Come with me quickly [question statement command]



## Spell Green Words

Dot, dash and arc the Green Words.

māde    make    take    race    wait    train  
paid    afraid    away    day    eight    straight

## Spell suffixes

Add the word with the right suffix to each sentence.

I am \_\_\_\_\_ a cup of tea for Granny. [make: making makes]

Mum is \_\_\_\_\_ Adam to school. [take: takes taking]

Jen \_\_\_\_\_ her daughter to wash the car. [pay: paying pays]

I have been \_\_\_\_\_ for a long time. [wait: waited waiting waiter]

## Spell Red Words

Tick the Red Words you can spell. Circle 5 words you're going to practise.

the    you    your    said    was    are  
of    want    they    to    he    we    me  
she    be    her    do    does    my    by  
today    all    call    tall    small    no    so  
go    saw    many    any    one    watch  
there    here    who    where    why

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