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Phonics

The duckchick

Set 5 Story 1

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Speed Sounds

Consonants *Ask children to say the sounds.*

f	l	m	n	r	s	v	z	sh	th	ng
ff	ll	mm	nn	rr	ss	ve	zz			nk
	le		kn	wr	se		se			
					ce		s			

b	c	d	g	h	j	p	qu	t	w	x	y	ch
bb	k	dd	gg		g	pp		tt	wh			tch
	ck				ge							

*Each box contains one sound but sometimes more than one grapheme.
Focus graphemes for this story are **circled**.*



Vowels *Ask children to say the sounds in and out of order.*

a	e	i	o	u	ay	ee	igh	ow
	ea					y	i	o
at	hen	in	on	up	day	see	high	blow

oo	oo	ar	or	air	ir	ou	oy
			oor				oi
			ore				
zoo	look	car	for	fair	whirl	shout	boy



Story Green Words



Ask children to read the words first in Fred Talk and then say the word.



Mama nest cluck hatch crack chick quack pond
quick as a flash bank

Ask children to say the syllables and then read the whole word.

up|set duck|chick

Ask children to read the root first and then the whole word with the suffix.

peck → pecked shock → shocked grub → grubs

flap → flapped stretch → stretched crust → crusts

hop → hopped grab → grabbed

Red Words

Ask children to practise reading the words across the rows, down the columns and in and out of order clearly and quickly.



some	saw	her	to
all	was	some	they
watch	of	are	saw
some	said	call	your
you	want	what	saw

Speedy Green Words

Ask children to practise reading the words across the rows, down the columns and in and out of order clearly and quickly.



problem	began	wrong	spring
very	thanks	problem	began
wrong	very	thanks	long
quick	well	them	things
went	as	jumped	help



Vocabulary Check

Discuss the meaning (as used in the story) after the children have read each word.

	definition:	sentence:
hatch	<i>a baby bird pecks out of its shell</i>	<i>Eggs 1–5 began to hatch.</i>
chick	<i>a baby bird</i>	<i>The soft fluffy chicks ...</i>
pecked	<i>a bird uses its beak to break the shell</i>	<i>pecked at the shells until they went crack.</i>
shocked	<i>surprised and worried</i>	<i>“Cluck!” went Mama hen, shocked.</i>
grubs	<i>worms, maggots</i>	<i>Mag pecked up lots of grubs from the mud.</i>
crusts	<i>bits of old bread</i>	<i>He pecked up some old crusts.</i>
quick as a flash	<i>very fast</i>	<i>Quick as a flash, the duckchick swam across to them.</i>

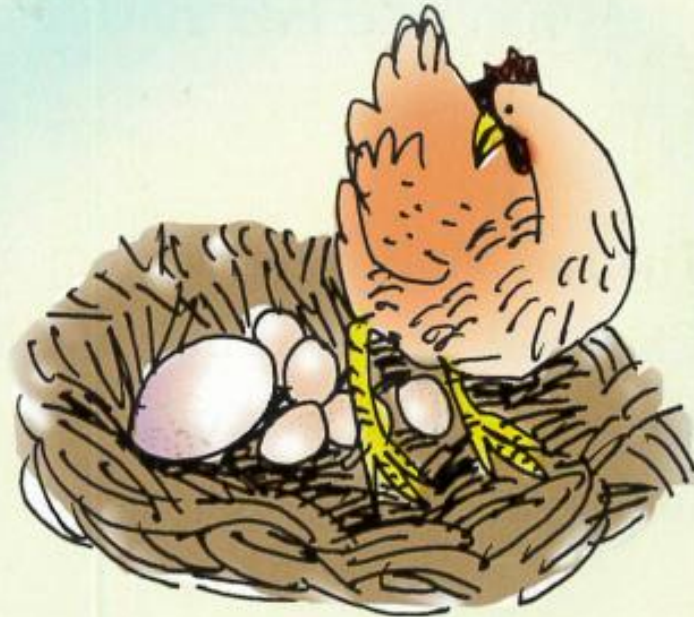
The duckchick



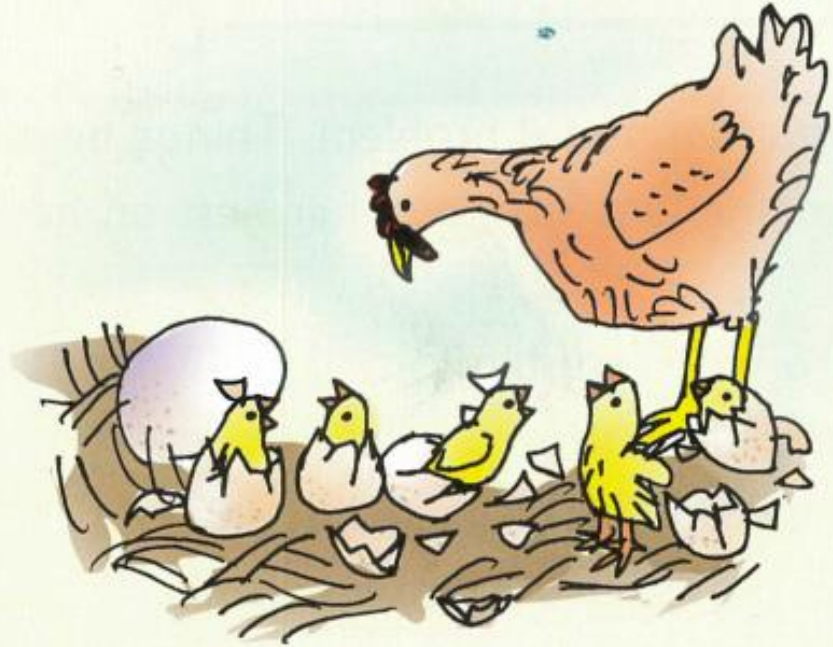
Mama hen had a problem. Things began to go wrong in the spring, when she was sitting in her nest on her six eggs.

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.

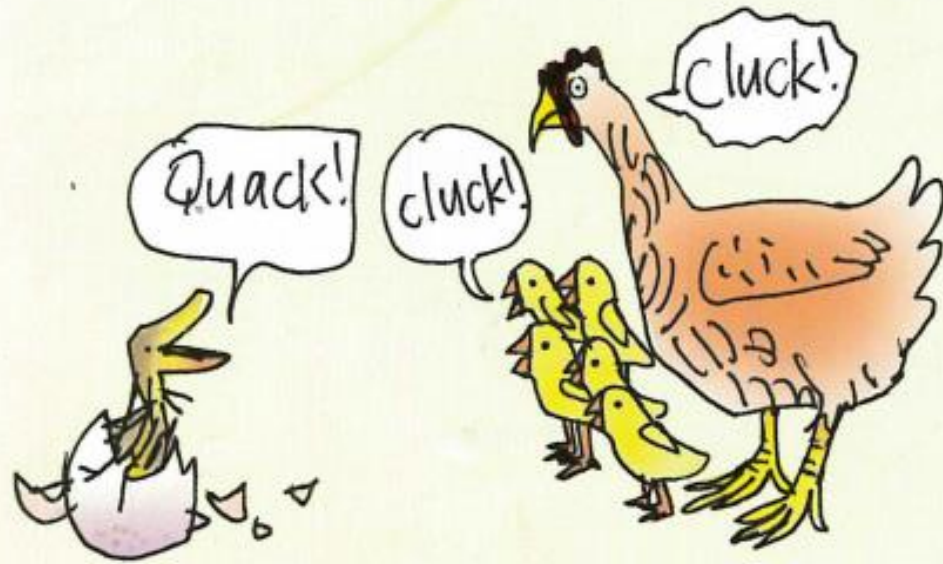


Eggs 1–5 began to hatch.



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

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.

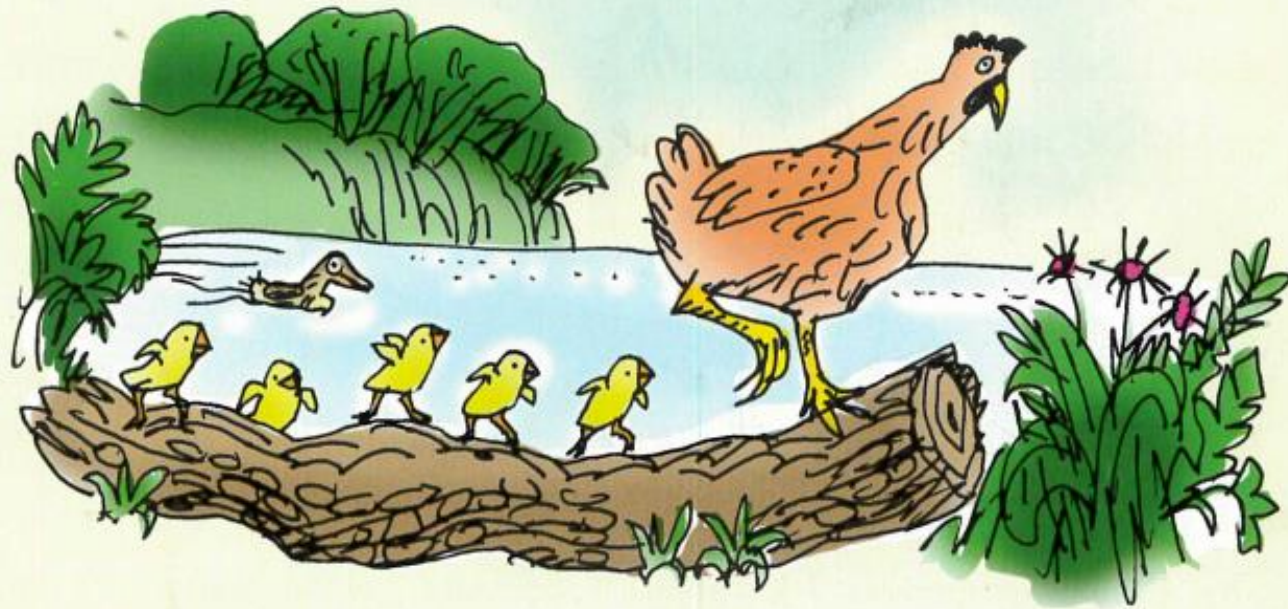
Mama hen and the chicks went to the pond.
Mama hen and Sam and Chip and Dan
and Ben and Mag pecked up lots of grubs from the mud.

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.



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.



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.

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!"

Question to talk about

- What does Mama feel about egg 6 and why?
- Which two words describe the chicks?
- Why is Mama hen so shocked when egg 6 hatches?
- How is duckchick different to chick 1-5?
- What do the other chicks do while duckchick is in the pond?
- What do all the chicks say when they fall in the pond?
- What does the duckchick do to keep the chicks safe?

Questions to read and answer.

1. What did Mama hen sit on?

Mama hen sat on a **bed/nest/log**.

2. How many eggs did Mama hen have?

Mama hen had **ten/six/seven** eggs.

3. What did Mama hen jump onto?

Mama hen jumped onto a **fox/log/dog**.

4. Who was watching the chicks?

A dog/man/fox was watching the chicks.

5. Who swam to help the chicks?

The **fox/dog/duckchick** swam to help the chicks.