

## Story Green Words

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

goose sport know dash moor hitch store tore thorn  
guess\*

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

pop|corn in|sult farm|yard trans|ports after\*  
ev|er\* farm|er\*

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

chat → chatting bore → bored snort → snorted  
ignore → ignored scorn → scornfully honk → honked

\* Challenge Words

# Vocabulary Check



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

**chatting**

**definition:**

talking

**sentence:**

The three animals were chatting one morning.

**snorted**

blowing air through your nose

"I'm bored!" snorted the horse.

**dash**

run fast

Let's all dash to the end of the track.

**ignored**

took no notice

But the goose just ignored them.

**scornfully**

sneeringly

"I can't see the sheepdog," he snorted scornfully

**honked**

the noise a goose makes

"I may be short," she honked.


**insult**

be rude

They didn't insult her any more.

## Red Words

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



any	other	two	one
all	her	there	said
were	I'm	to	watch
your	does	their	they
want	was	are	any

# The poor goose

This is the story of a horse, a sheepdog, and a goose.

The three animals were chatting in the farmyard one morning.

“I’m bored!” snorted the horse.

“Let’s have a bit of sport.

Let’s all dash from this farmyard to the barn  
at the end of the track.

I know I will get there before you two!”

The sheepdog and the goose agreed.





"I'm the fastest animal ever born,"  
said the horse to himself.

"I've got long, strong legs, and I know a short cut, across the moor.  
The sheepdog is not as fast as I am, and that poor goose has  
no chance of winning. She's short, and fat, and silly!"

"I'm the smartest sort of animal,"  
said the dog to himself.

"And I'm Farmer Popcorn's pal. He will let me  
hitch a lift on his cart when he transports his sacks of corn  
to the corn store in the barn.



The horse is not as smart as I am,  
and that poor goose has  
no chance of winning.  
She's short and fat and silly!"

But the goose ignored them.

She just fluffed up her soft, grey wings, and didn't say anything at all.



Off they went.

The horse tore across the moor,  
jumping the thorn bushes and the tree trunks.

He looked to the left and he looked to the right.

“I can’t see the sheepdog,”  
he snorted scornfully,  
“and I can’t see that silly goose!  
I must be winning!”





The sheepdog hitched a lift on Farmer Popcorn's cart.  
He sat on a sack of corn, grinning to himself  
as the cart bumped along the track.

He looked to the left and he looked to the right.



"I can't see the horse,"  
he barked importantly,  
"and I can't see that silly goose.  
I must be winning!"

But the goose had the best plan of all.

“I may be short,” she honked,  
“and I may be fat, and I may be a little bit silly.  
But I have something the other two don’t have!”

The goose won,  
for she got to the barn door long  
before the horse or the sheepdog.  
After that, they didn’t insult her any more.

Can you guess what the goose did?



# Questions to talk about

Ask children to TTYP each question using 'Fastest finger' (FF) or 'Have a think' (HaT).

- p.9 (FF) Where does the race start and finish?
- p.10 (FF) Why does the horse think he's the fastest animal ever born?
- p.11 (FF) How does the dog plan to cheat?
- p.12 (HaT) Why do you think the goose didn't say anything?
- p.13 (HaT) How do we know that the horse is trying hard to win?
- p.14 (HaT) Why is the sheepdog grinning to himself?  
(FF) Why does he think he's winning?
- p.15 (HaT) How does the goose win?

# Questions to read and answer

*(Children complete without your help.)*

1. "I'm the fastest animal ever born,"  
said **the goose / the horse / the sheepdog**.
2. The sheepdog hitched a lift in the farmer's **car / van / cart**.
3. The farmer was going **to the corn store / to the shops / to the market**.
4. The sheepdog sat on **a bag of bread / a sack of corn / a sack of hay**.
5. **The horse / the sheepdog / the goose** had the best plan of all.

## 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.

horse	animal	morning	before
across	chance	importantly	animal
story	across	let's	himself
legs	cut	smartest	looked
right	left	know	three