

# Speed sounds

**Consonants** Say the pure sounds (do not add 'uh').

f ff	l ll	m mm	n nn kn	r rr wr	s ss	v ve	z zz s	sh	th	ng nk		
b bb	c k ck	d dd	g gg	h	j	p pp	qu	t tt	w wh	x	y	ch tch

**Vowels** Say the sounds in and out of order.

at	hen head	in	on	up	day	see happy	high find	blow no
zoo	look	car	for door snore	fair	whirl	shout	boy spoil	

Each box contains one sound but sometimes more than one grapheme. Focus graphemes are circled.

## Green words

Read in Fred Talk (pure sounds).

egg well quick spring quack nest cluck long  
them hatch fell Mama wrong

Read in syllables.

prob'lem → problem duck'chick → duck chick  
a'long → along a'cross → across  
ve'ry → very

Read the root word first and then with the ending.

thing → things wing → wings  
sit → sitting peck → pecked  
stretch → stretched shock → shocked  
hatch → hatched fluff → fluffy

Red words

one saw her to go the  
all was some she be he they watch

# The duckchick

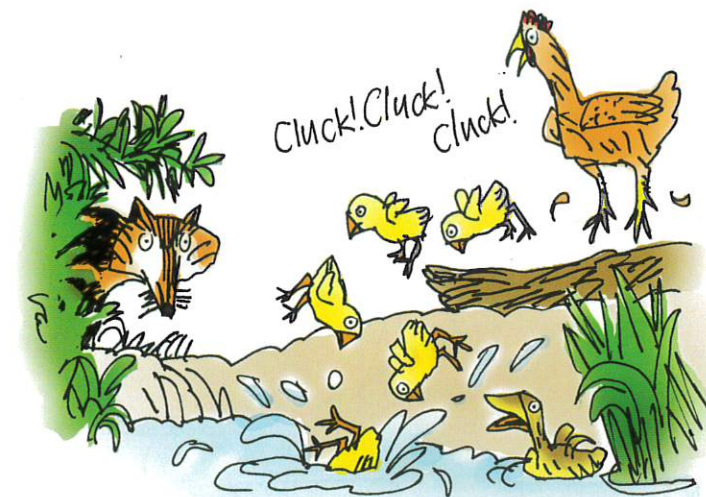
## Introduction

*Have you ever worried about something and then it turned out all right in the end?*

*Hens lay eggs and then sit on them to keep them warm until they are ready. Mama hen has six eggs but one of them is bigger than the rest. Mama hen doesn't realise that this is a duck egg. When this egg hatches, she and her other chicks are really shocked and surprised. But when a fox comes along, find out how Duckchick saves the day.*

*What do you think will happen?*

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## Vocabulary check

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

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

*Punctuation to note in this story:*

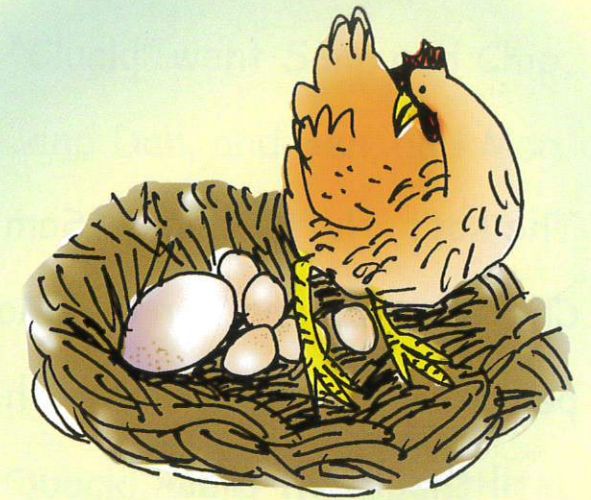
- 1. Capital letters to start sentences and full stops to end sentences*
- 2. Capital letters for names*
- 3. Exclamation marks to show anger, shock and surprise*
- 4. 'Wait and see' dots...*

## The duckchick

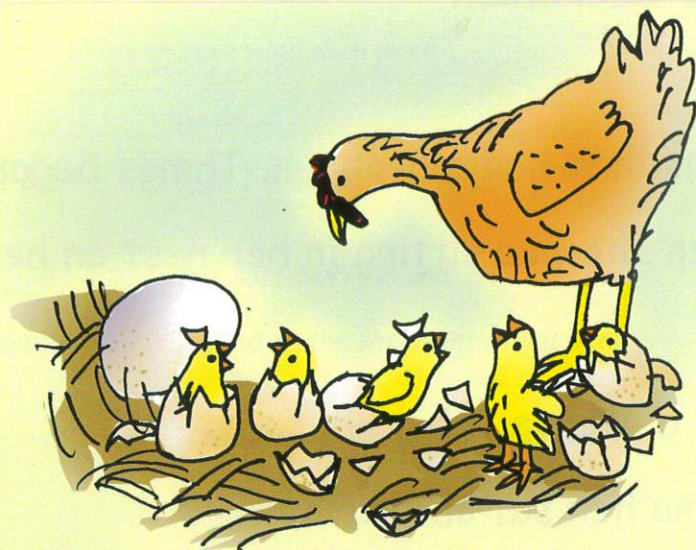
Mama hen had a problem. Things began to go wrong in the spring, when she was sitting in her nest on her six eggs.

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.



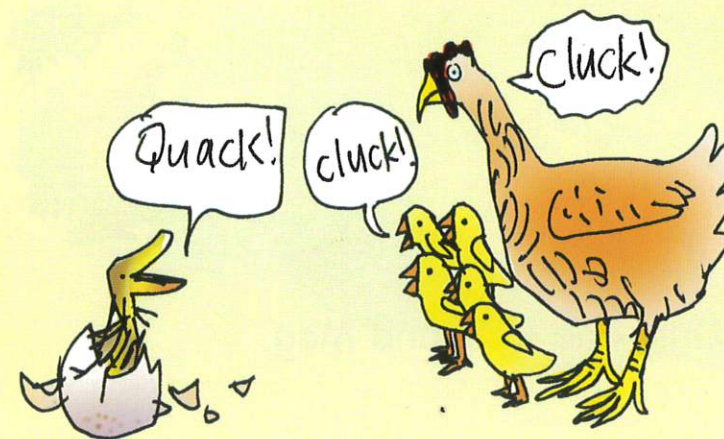
Eggs 1-5 began to hatch.



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.

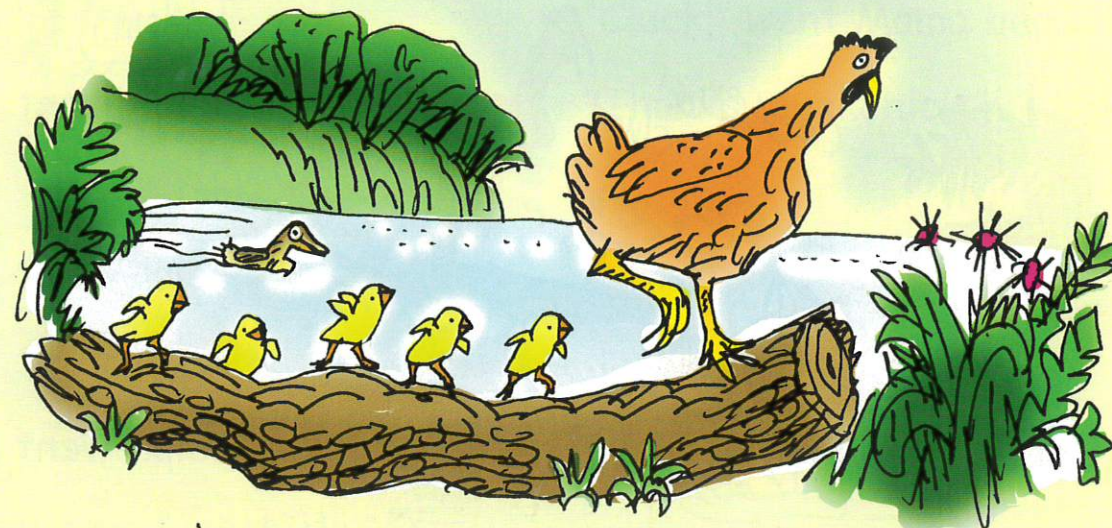
"Quack!" went the duckchick.



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.

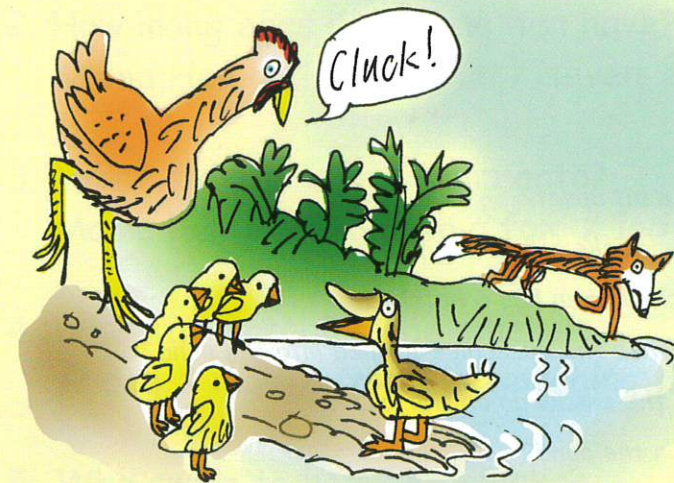


But a fox was watching them.  
When Mama hen saw it, she went,  
"Cluck! Cluck! Cluck!"  
and all the chicks fell in the pond!



"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!"

## Questions to talk about

Re-read the page. Read the question to the children. Tell them whether it is a **FIND IT** question or **PROVE IT** question.

### FIND IT

- ✓ Turn to the page
- ✓ Read the question
- ✓ Find the answer

### PROVE IT

- ✓ Turn to the page
- ✓ Read the question
- ✓ Find your evidence
- ✓ Explain why

Page 9:	FIND IT	Why did Mama hen feel a bit upset?
Page 10:	FIND IT	What were the first five chicks called?
Page 11:	PROVE IT	Why was Mama hen shocked when Egg 6 hatched?
Page 12:	FIND IT	How did Mama hen feel when the duckchick jumped into the pond?
Page 13:	FIND IT	What did Mama hen and the chicks do on the log?
Page 14:	PROVE IT	Why did the chicks fall in the pond?
Page 15:	PROVE IT	Do you think Mama hen has changed the way she feels about the duckchick now? Why?

## Questions to read and answer

(Children complete without your help.)

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.

## Speed words

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

egg	well	quick	nest	long
them	hatched	things	fluffy	stretched
the	was	very	she	went
some	you	they	all	across

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