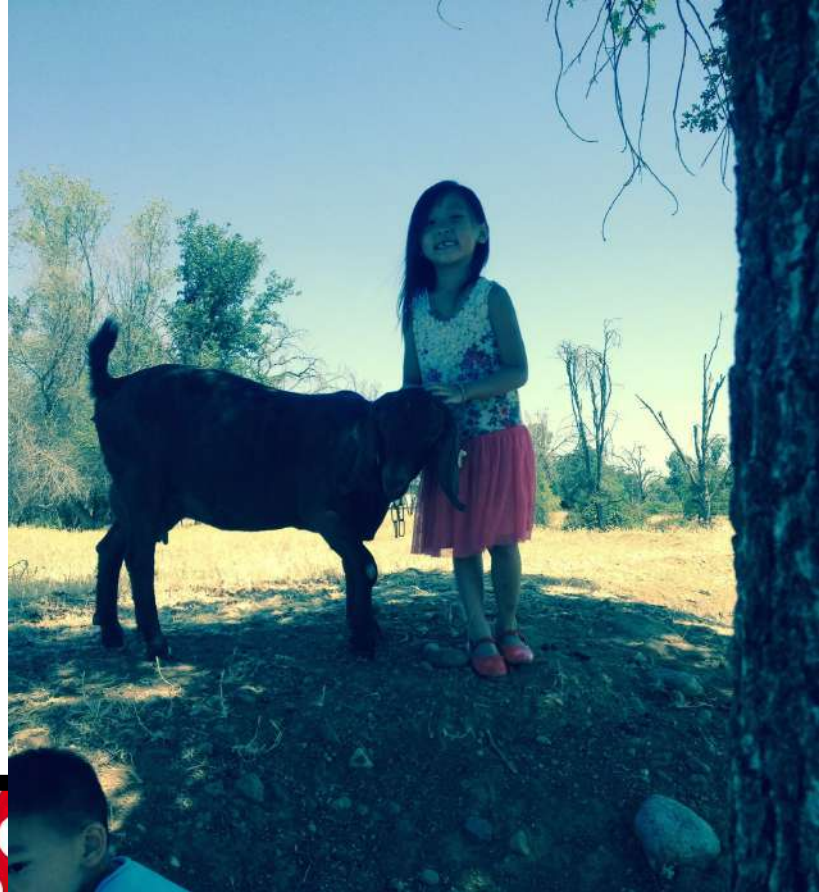




**And a Cluck,
Cluck There**

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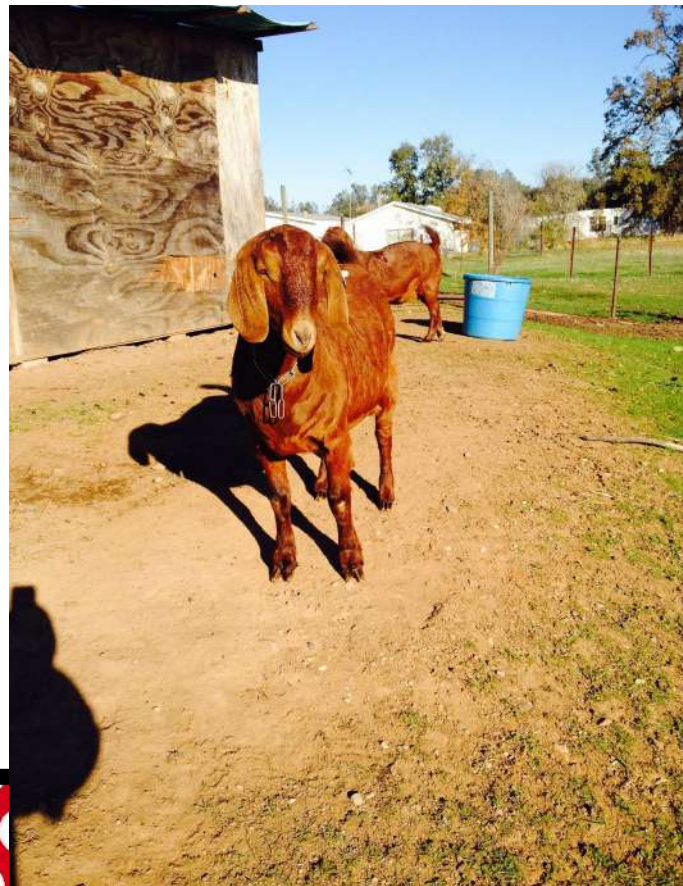
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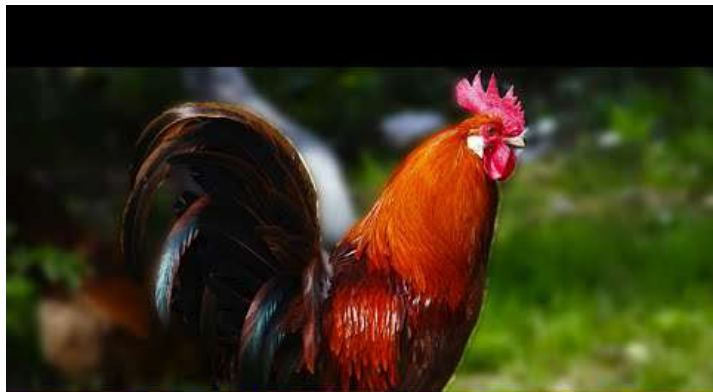
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And a Cluck, Cluck There



ANIMAL SOUNDS

What do you know about chickens?

- **What sounds do chickens make?**
- **What do chickens eat?**
- **Why do farmers raise chickens?**
- **What does a chicken look like?**
- **Have you ever seen a real chicken? If so, where?**

And a Cluck, Cluck There

Old MacDonald is going to tell you all about chickens. Listen to find out more about the main topic, or main idea, of today's lesson: chickens.

And a Cluck, Cluck There



Old MacDonald here again.
This time I want to tell
you about chickens. I have
a few chickens on my
farm, but some farmers
have lots of chickens.
Chickens are birds, but they
do not really fly.

And a Cluck, Cluck There



Like any bird, chickens have feathers, feet, beaks, and wings, but chickens cannot fly. They can flap their wings, and sometimes a chicken can get a few feet off the ground or even to the top of a shed roof. But chicken bodies are not suited for flying.

And a Cluck, Cluck There



What might happen if chickens could fly? Could farmers just let them walk around?

And a Cluck, Cluck There



Some farmers let their chickens out in the yard to peck around for insects, seeds, and other food on the ground. Peck means to use a beak to get food. As long as there is food to be found, chickens tend to stay close to home, so there is little need to worry about them running away.

And a Cluck, Cluck There



Generally, chickens need help from the farmer to get all the food they need. The farmer feeds them special pellets, called chicken feed, or he can feed them dried corn, wheat, or oats. Feed means to give food to, but feed is also the food that animals eat.

And a Cluck, Cluck There



At night--and all the time on some farms--chickens live in the chicken coop. A chicken coop is not a fancy shelter. It usually consists of a small building where the chickens make their nests and where they roost, or sleep at night.

And a Cluck, Cluck There



The chicken coop also has a fenced in dirt yard. The main reason for having a fence is to keep other animals out. Chickens are tasty and--because they can't fly--they would be easy prey for other animals, including owls, foxes, raccoons, weasels, and skunks.

And a Cluck, Cluck There



These animals are nocturnal predators, meaning they are animals that hunt at night, so every farmer needs to make sure that the chickens are all safely locked up in the coop every night before he or she goes to bed.

And a Cluck, Cluck There



Female chickens are called hens. Hens lay eggs, which many people like to eat. On some farms, the farmer collects (or takes) the eggs from the chickens' nests each morning and evening. On other farms the hens lay their eggs in cages with sloping bottoms so the eggs roll out onto a conveyor belt that collects them. The farmer and his family eat the eggs, or they sell them to other people.

And a Cluck, Cluck There



And a Cluck, Cluck There



Eggs have hard shells. If you crack the shell you can break open the egg and release the yolk and white. Egg yolk is yellow and egg white is actually clear, though it turns white when you cook it.

And a Cluck, Cluck There



Some people like to eat fried or scrambled or boiled eggs for breakfast. Eggs are also used to make other foods, including cakes, cookies and other baked goods.

And a Cluck, Cluck There



This hen laid several eggs, and now she is sitting on her eggs. If the farmer does not collect the eggs, the hen will keep sitting on them to keep them warm and protected. This is called nesting.

And a Cluck, Cluck There



After the hen sits on the eggs for about twenty-one days, something amazing will happen. A chick will be born, and it will use its beak to crack open the shell from the inside! For twenty-one days, the chick has gradually grown inside the egg.

And a Cluck, Cluck There



All this time it has been using the egg yolk and white as its food. Within a few hours the chick will be fluffy and yellow. On some farms the eggs are hatched in incubators, machines that warm the eggs just like a mother hen.

And a Cluck, Cluck There



And a Cluck, Cluck There



Hens are good mothers. They naturally know to sit on eggs to keep them warm and how to raise baby chicks. They will even sit on other hens' (or even other birds') eggs! Unlike cows and pigs, chickens do not produce milk to feed their young.

And a Cluck, Cluck There



After the chicks hatch, or come out of their eggs, they quickly learn to scratch and peck. Soon, these chicks will be ready to peck the ground to find food for themselves.

And a Cluck, Cluck There



Male chickens are called roosters. The farmer usually only keeps one rooster in the chicken coop. Roosters do not lay eggs. Like the hens you saw earlier, this rooster has a red comb on top of his head.

And a Cluck, Cluck There



If you compare this rooster to the hens, you will also notice that he has a larger wattle. The wattle is the flap of bare skin that hangs down on a bird's throat. Roosters have larger wattles than hens.

And a Cluck, Cluck There



Roosters are famous for perching on fences and even on rooftops--if they can flap or scamper to the top of the barn--and crowing "cock-a-doodle-do!" Roosters are alarm clocks for farmers because they often crow as soon as the sun starts to rise.

And a Cluck, Cluck There



And getting up early is just fine for farmers, because they know that “the early bird gets the worm.” Roosters continue crowing from time to time throughout the day, but they usually do not go “cock-a-doodle-do” at night.

And a Cluck, Cluck There



Of course, farmers don't raise chickens just for their eggs. Many people like to eat chicken. One of my favorites is fried chicken, but some folks like to eat roasted chicken or barbecued chicken.

And a Cluck, Cluck There



A popular food many kids like to order when they go out to eat is called chicken fingers. Of course, chickens do not really have fingers! Chicken fingers are simply strips of cooked chicken meat that you eat with your fingers.

And a Cluck, Cluck There



Well, that's about everything I can tell you about chickens, and mine are probably getting hungry right about now, so I better go throw a few scoops of feed into the coop.

And a Cluck, Cluck There

Comprehension Questions:

Inferential

What is the main topic, or main idea, of today's lesson?

And a Cluck, Cluck There

Comprehension Questions:

Literal

What do you see in this picture? What sound do they make?



And a Cluck, Cluck There

Comprehension Questions:
Inferential

*How do chickens get
the food that they
need?*



And a Cluck, Cluck There

Comprehension Questions:

Literal

How do chicks begin their life?



And a Cluck, Cluck There

Comprehension Questions:

Literal

Once the chicks have hatched, how do they get the food that they need?



And a Cluck, Cluck There

Comprehension Questions:

Inferential

Why do many chickens spend time in a chicken coop?



And a Cluck, Cluck There

Comprehension Questions:
Inferential

How can you tell the difference between a hen and a rooster?



And a Cluck, Cluck There

Comprehension Questions:

Inferential

How are chickens like other birds that you might see outside? How are they different?



And a Cluck, Cluck There

Comprehension Questions:

Evaluative

Why do farmers raise chickens? Do you like to eat eggs and or chicken meat?



Think. Pair. Share.

Evaluative:



What is the most interesting fact that you learned about chickens?



Word Work

Explicit Vocabulary Instruction

And a Cluck, Cluck There

*In the read aloud you heard, "On some farms, the farmer **collects** the eggs from the chickens' nests each morning and evening."*

*Say the word **collects** with me.
Whisper collects to the ceiling.
Whisper collects to the floor.
Clap out the word.*

And a Cluck, Cluck There

*If a person **collects** things, he or she brings them together and saves them.*

My grandfather collects old coins.

And a Cluck, Cluck There

Is there something that you collect, or do you know someone who collects things? Try to use the word collects when you tell about it.

“My sister collects stuffed animals.”

And a Cluck, Cluck There

*What's the word we've been talking
about?*

With a Moo, Moo Here

I am going to describe some situations that are examples of a person collecting things. For each example, I want you to tell me what is being collected and by whom. Try to answer in complete sentences.

Begin your responses with “_____ collects _____”

With a Moo, Moo Here

Steve picks up lots of shells at the beach and puts them in his pail.



With a Moo, Moo Here

Gina has friends and family send her postcards, which she keeps in a box.



With a Moo, Moo Here

Sue keeps all her favorite rocks that she has found in a pail.



With a Moo, Moo Here

Juan has more than fifty baseball trading cards in his desk.



With a Moo, Moo Here

The squirrel hides dozens of acorns to eat during the winter.

