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What have you learned about hens or chickens? Yesterday you learned how farmers plant crops to use as food. Today you will hear a fictional, or make believe story about a hen that grows wheat as a crop.

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Have you ever asked for help with a difficult task? Were people willing to help you or were they hesitant or reluctant to help? I am going to read a folktale about a little red hen who asked for some help with a difficult task. Listen carefully to find out whether or not the little red hen gets the help that she needs.

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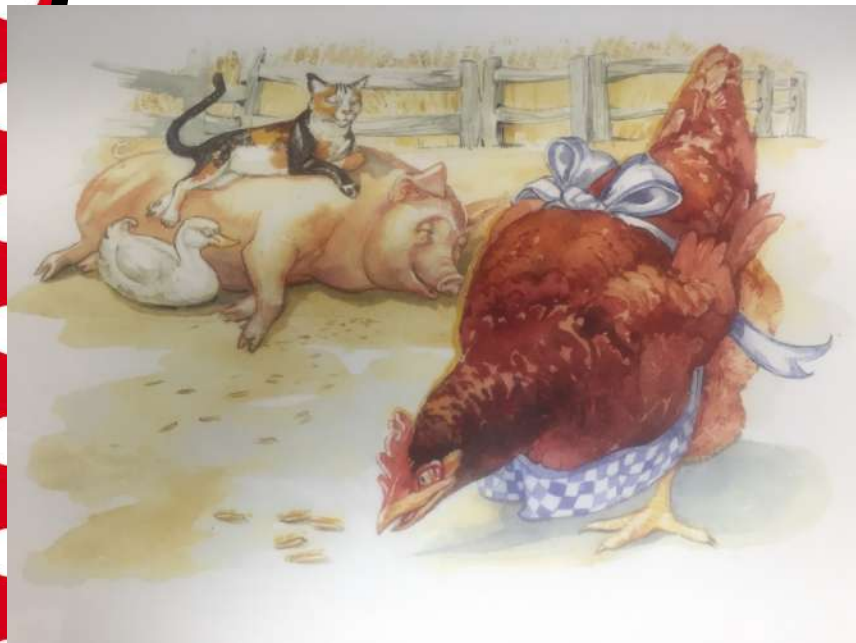
What is happening in the picture? Whom do you think the little red hen will ask for help?

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A little red hen worked hard every day, but the other animals on the farm never helped.

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As she was scratching around in the barnyard one day, the little red hen found some grains of wheat. “We can plant these seeds and they will grow,” thought the hen.

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*If grains of wheat are
planted, what kind of
crop will grow?*

*So she asked, "Who will
help me plant these
grains of wheat?"*

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Who do you think will help the little red hen plant the grains of wheat?

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*“Not I,” quacked the duck.
“Not I,” meowed the cat.
“Not I,” oinked the dog.*

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*"Then I will do it myself,"
clucked the little red hen.
And that is just what she
did--all by herself!*

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Every day she checked to see how the wheat plants were growing. She pulled the weeds around them to give the wheat room to grow. Weeds are wild plants that grow where they are not wanted.

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*By the end of the summer,
those seeds of wheat had
sprouted and grown into tall
stalks of ripe, golden grain.*

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When the stalks of wheat were ripe and the wheat grain was ready to be harvested from the field, the little red hen asked, "Who will help me cut the wheat?"

Who do you think will help the little red hen cut the wheat?

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*"Not I," quacked the duck.
"Not I," meowed the cat.
"Not I," oinked the dog.*

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"Then I will do it myself," clucked the little red hen. And that is just what she did--all by herself!

When she had cut the wheat, the little red hen asked, "Who will help me grind this wheat grain into flour?"

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*Who do you think will help
the little red hen grind the
wheat into flour?*

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*“Not I,” quacked the duck.
“Not I,” meowed the cat.
“Not I,” oinked the dog.*

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When the wheat grain had been ground into flour, the little red hen asked, “Now who will help me make this flour into bread dough?”

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*“Not I,” quacked the duck.
“Not I,” meowed the cat.
“Not I,” oinked the dog.*

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Dough is a mixture of flour and milk or water that is used to make bread. Who do you think will help the little red hen make the flour into bread dough?

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When she had mixed the dough, the little red hen asked, "Who will help me bake the bread?"

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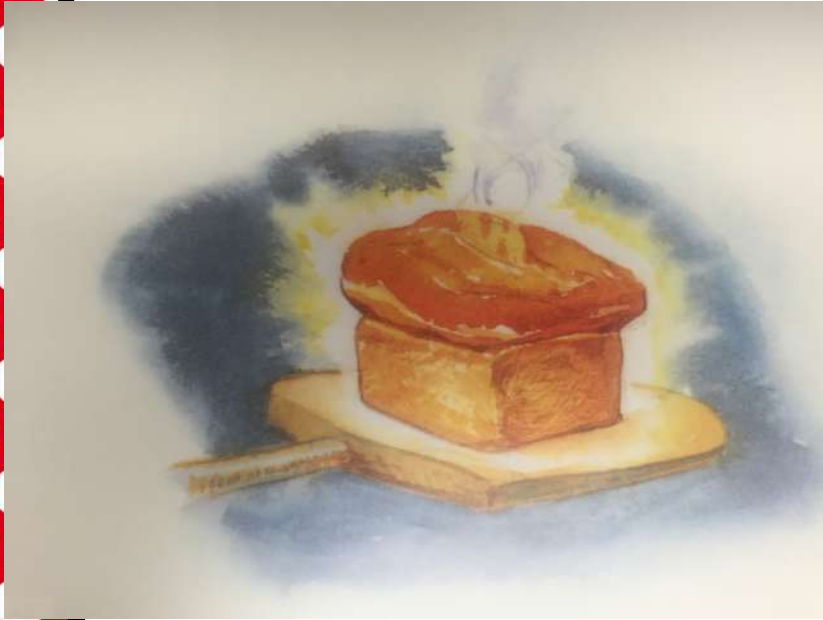
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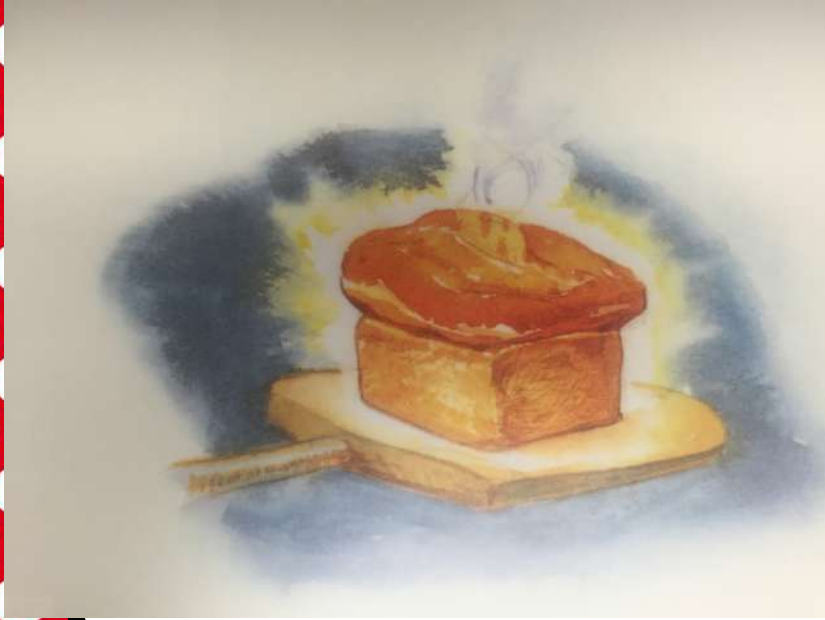
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And so, all by herself, the little red hen baked a fine loaf of bread. "Now," she said, "who will help me eat the bread?"

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*Who do you think will help
the little red hen eat the
bread?*

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*"I will," quacked the duck.
"I will," meowed the cat.
"I will," oinked the pig.*

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“Aha!” clucked the little red hen. “No, you will not! I planted the wheat all by myself. I cut the wheat all by myself. I ground the wheat grain into flour all by myself.”

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*I mixed the dough and
baked it all by myself.
And now I will eat the
bread--all by myself!"*

*And that is just what she
did--all by herself!*

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Comprehension Questions:

Literal

What crop does the little red hen use to make bread?

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Comprehension Questions:

Literal

What do the duck, the cat, and the pig want to help do?

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Comprehension Questions:

Inferential

Why doesn't the little red hen let the other animals eat the bread?

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Comprehension Questions:

Inferential

The little red hen asks the duck, cat and pig for help several times during the story. Tell me about the different times when the little red hen asked for help.

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Comprehension Questions:

Evaluative

Do you think the animals will help the little red hen the next time she asks for help? Why or why not? Could this story really happen or is it make believe? How do you know?

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Comprehension Questions:

Evaluative

Whom does she ask to help? Are they willing to help? Why not?

Word Work

Explicit Vocabulary Instruction

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*In the read aloud you heard, “When the stalks of wheat were **ripe** and the wheat grain was ready to be harvested from the field the little red hen asked, Who will help me cut the wheat?”*

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

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If something is **ripe**, it is a fruit, vegetable, or grain that is ready to be harvested or eaten.

I could tell that the banana was ripe because it was bright yellow.

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Can you think of any fruits or vegetables that are not good to eat unless they are ripe?

Try to use the word ripe when you tell about it.

"We can't go apple picking until the apples get ripe."

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

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I am going to name two objects found on a farm. I want you to decide which one a farmer needs to check to make sure that it is ripe. Try to answer in complete sentences and remember to use the word ripe when answering.

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eggs, strawberries

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calves, pumpkins

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watermelons, barns

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tomatoes, hens