## Chicken

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For the next few weeks, you will listen to many enjoyable stories. Some of the stories may be familiar to you, and some may be completely new.

Here are some of the stories we will be reading in the coming weeks. You will have a chance to look at these books during Choice Time.

What are some of your favorite stories?

# Stories are often created from people's imaginations. Made up stories are called **fiction**

A **character** in a story is who the story is about. Characters can be people or animals in the story. Most of the characters in the stories we will read are talking animals.

Today you will hear a story called, "Chicken Little," in which the main character, Chicken Little, makes a silly mistake and becomes scared.

One fine morning, Chicken Little went out to the woods. As she walked along, an **acorn** fell on her head.



An **acorn** is the seed of an oak tree. In the Fall, acorns drop from trees with leaves.

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Chicken Little was a silly little chicken, and she often made mistakes. Chicken Little thought the acorn was a part of the sky!



Chicken Little was so caught by surprise that she worked herself into a tizzy. "Oh dear me!" she cried. "The sky is falling. I must go and tell the king!"



What does Chicken Little think is part of the sky? An acorn is the sed of an oak tree. Is an acorn part of the sky?



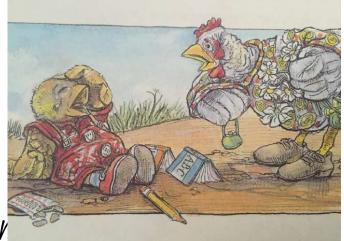
On her way to see the king, Chicken Little met Henny Penny. "Henny Penny, the sky is falling!" cried Chicken Little.

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"How do you know?" asked Henny Penny.

"A piece of it fell on my poor head," said Chicken Little, rubbing her poor noggin with the memory of it.



"Then let us go and tell the king!" said Henny Penny, who now felt quite worried as well.

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Is the sky really falling? Why does Henny Penny think it is?

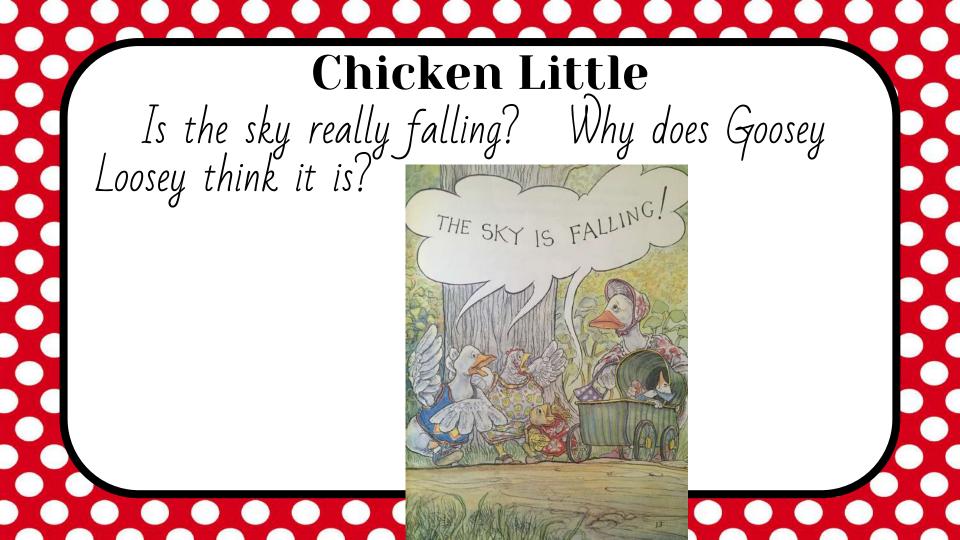


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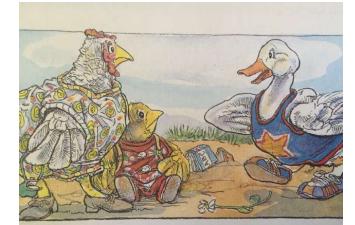
So Henny Penny and Chicken Little ran along until they met Goosey Loosey. Goosey Loosey, the sky is falling!" cried Henny Penny. How do you know?" asked Goosey Loosey. "A piece of it fell on my poor head," said Chicken Little.

Goosey Loosey looked at Henny Penny, who nodded n agreement.

in agreement. "Then let us go and tell the king!" said Goosey Loosey, who could not help but believe her friends.



So Goosey Loosey, Henny Penny, and Chicken Little hurried along until they met Ducky Lucky. "Ducky Lucky, the sky is falling!" cried Goosey



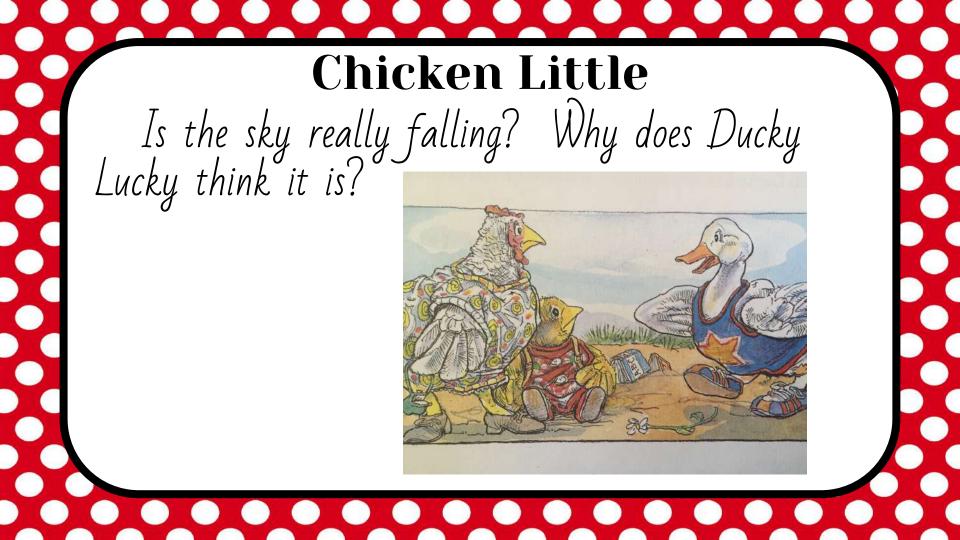
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"How do you know?" asked Ducky Lucky. "A piece of it fell on my poor head," said Chicken Little. Henny Penny and Goosey Loosey stood nodding their heads, wide-eyed, next to Chicken Little.



Ducky Lucky looked at her three friends, and became worried because they were so worried. "Then let us go and tell the king!" said Ducky Lucky.



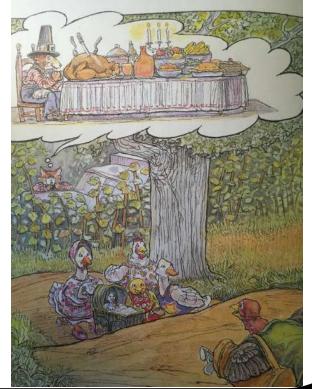


So Ducky Lucky, Goosey Loosey, Henny Penny, and Chicken Little ran along until they met Turkey Lurkey, who was certainly the biggest of the birds.

"Turkey Lurkey, the sky is falling!" cried Ducky Lucky. "How do you know?" asked Turkey Lurkey. "A piece of it fell on my poor head," said Chicken Little. Henny Penny, Goosey Loosey, and Ducky Lucky stood behind Chicken Little, flapping their wings with worry.

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"Then let us go and tell the king!" said Turkey Lurkey, for who was he to disagree with four scared friends?

Is the sky really falling? Why does Turkey Lurkey think it is?

### So the five feathered friends ran along until they met Foxy Loxy.

**Chicken Little** "Foxy Loxy, the sky is falling!" cried Turkey Lurkey. "Oh, is that so?" said **sly** Foxy Loxy, who knew better, but pretended to believe the five trembling birds.

**Sly** means being sneaky in a secretive and clever way.

"If the sky is falling, you'd better keep safe in my **den**, and I will go and tell the king for you."

The **den** is the fox's home. Do you think they should go into the fox's den?

So Chicken Little, Henny Penny, Goosey Loosey, Ducky Lucky, and Turkey Lurkey followed Foxy Loxy into his den. The dust in the den made Chicken Little sneeze. Achoo! The force of the sneeze made Chicken Little come back to her

senses.

This means that Chicken Little stopped being silly and thought carefully about where she was and what she was doing.

"Wait!" cried Chicken Little. "Birds are supposed to stay away from foxes!"

Henny Penny, Goosey Loosey, Ducky Lucky, and Turkey Lurkey looked at each other in amazement. "You are right!" they cried.

And so the five feathered friends ran out of the cave and never went back there again. And from that day on, they thought very carefully before believing that the sky was falling again.

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Comprehension Questions:

Literan What is a character? Who is the main character in this story?

Comprehension Questions:

## Little's head? What did?

Comprehension Questions:

Liter Who in the story believes Chicken Little when she says the sky is falling?

Comprehension Questions:

Literan What kind of animal is Foxy Loxy? Does Foxy Loxy believe the sky is falling?

Comprehension Questions:

**Literal** What does Foxy Loxy tell the birds to do after they tell him that the sky is falling?

Comprehension Questions:

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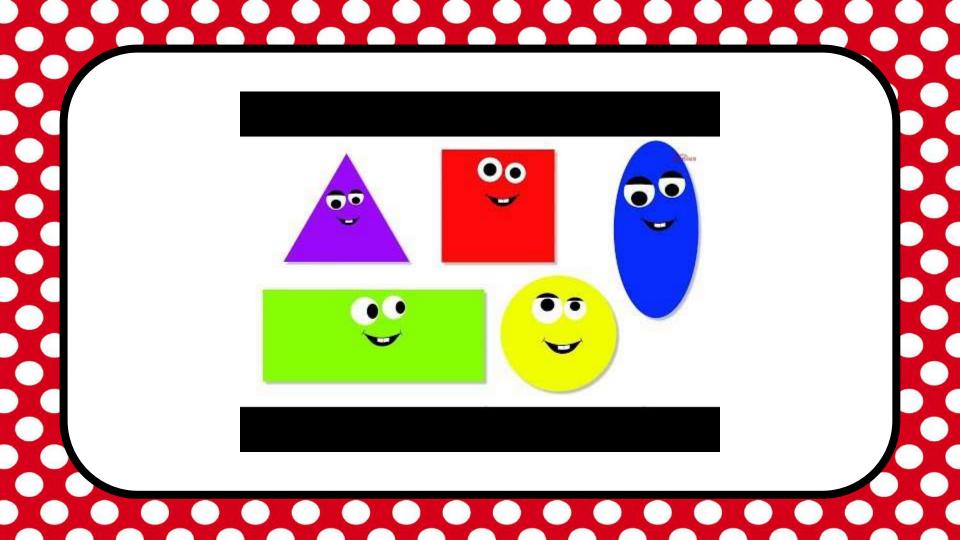
Comprehension Questions: **Evaluative** Remember that "Chicken Little" is made-up and created from a writer's imagination. What are made-up stories called? Which parts of the story tell you that "Chicken Little" is fiction, or a made-up story?



I'm going to ask you a question. I will give you a minute to think about the question, and then I will ask you to turn to your neighbor and discuss the question. Finally I will call on several of you to share what you discussed with your partner.

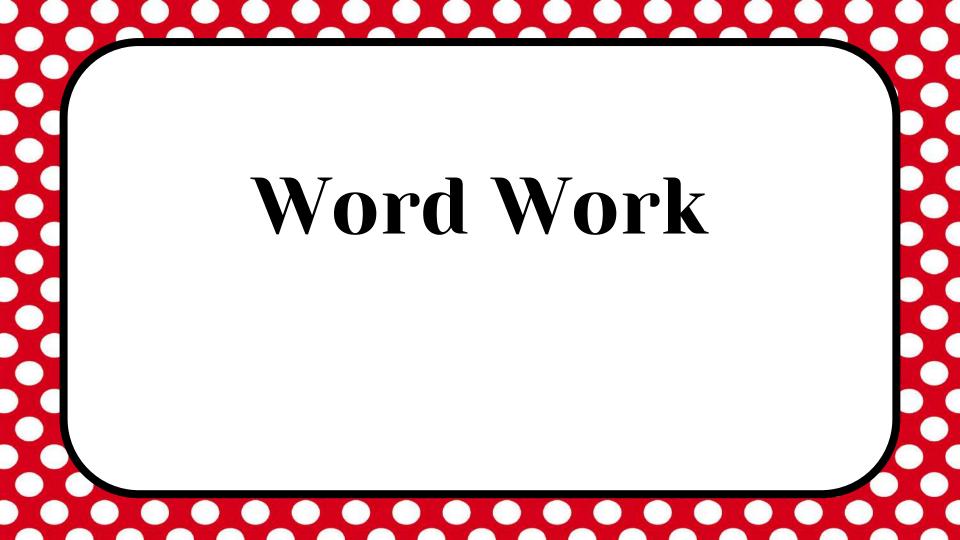






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You heard, "Oh, is that so? said **sly** Foxy Loxy, who knew better, but pretended to believe the five trembling birds. If the sky is falling you'd better keep safe in my den and I will go and tell the king."

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Say the word **sly** with me.

When someone is SIy, they are sneaky in a smart way.

The sly cat waited patiently by the mouse hole.

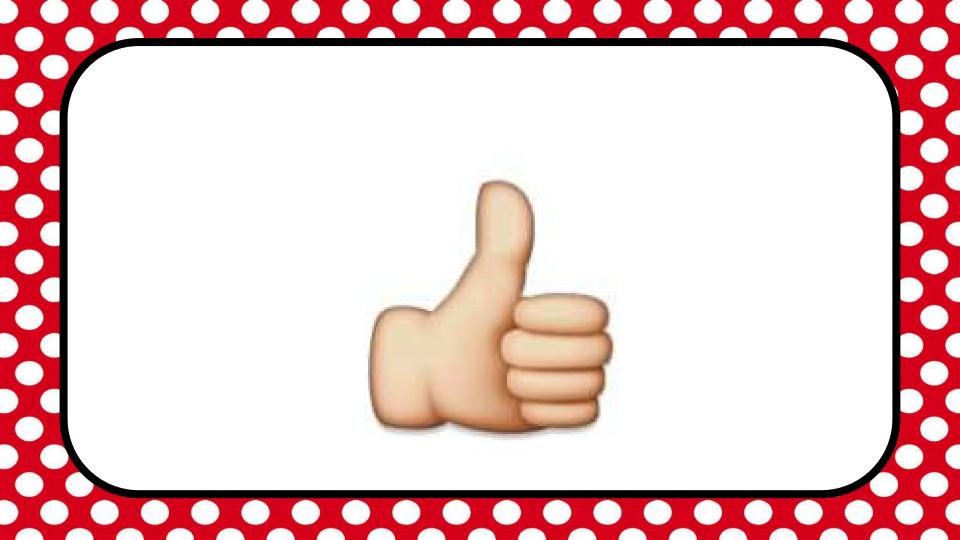
Have you ever heard a story about a **sly** character? Tell me why you thought this character was **sly**. Use the word **sly** when you tell about it. "A sly character I heard of was \_\_\_\_\_\_ S/he was sly because..."

# What's the word we have been talking about?

I am going to describe several situations. if the things I say are examples of a person being sly, put your thumb up. If the example is not an example of a person being sly, thumbs down.

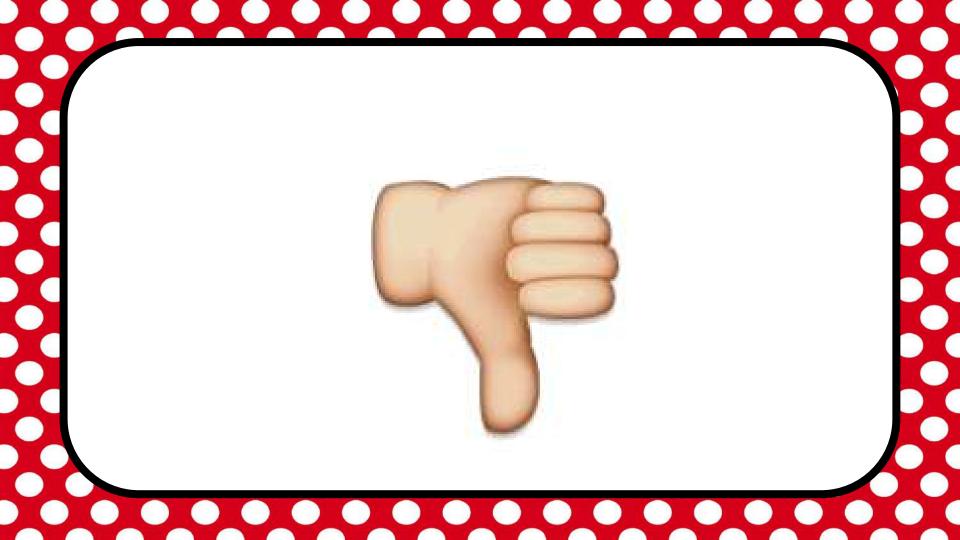
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# My cousin planned a surprise party for me



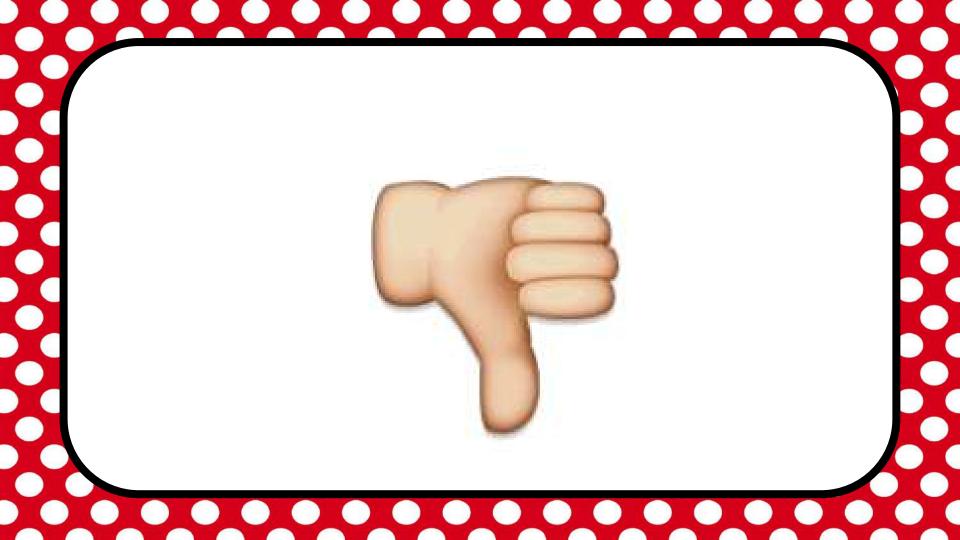
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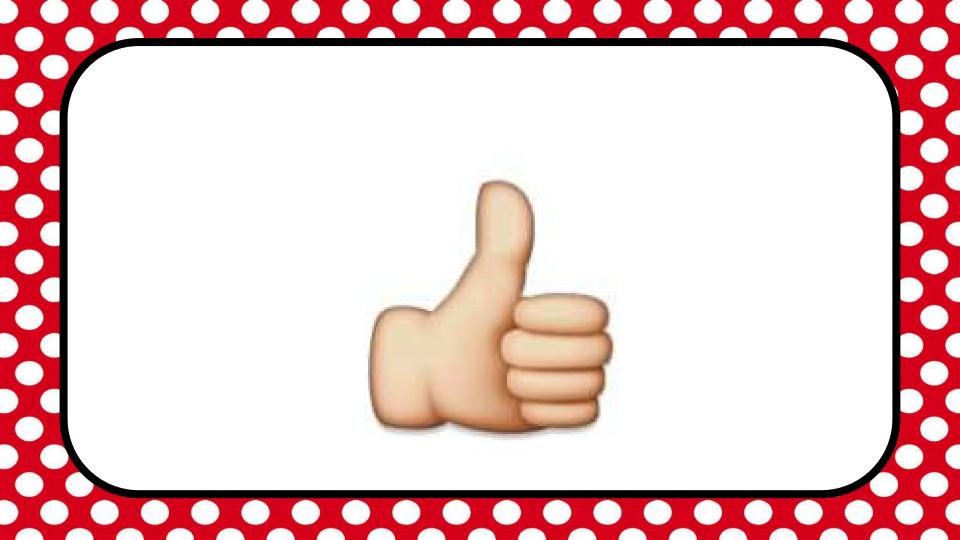
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Luis makes a lot of noise in his hiding place when playing hide and seek.



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My grandfather gave me a wink before secretly handing me an extra cookie.



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