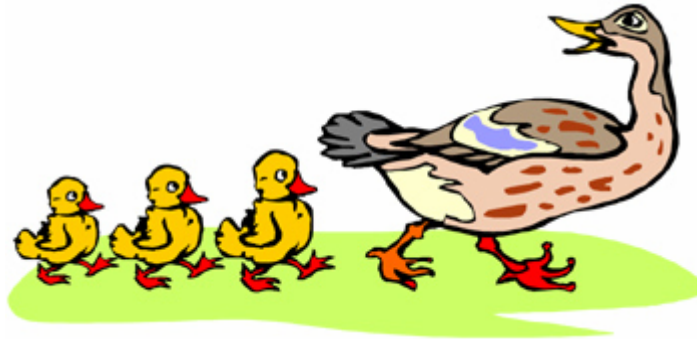


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## **EIGHT LITTLE DUCKLINGS**



Ed's favorite birds are ducks. "Can I have a duck?" he asked his mother.

"No, Ed," she answered. "Our house is too small. If you want to see a duck, go to the pond."

There is a pond behind Ed's house. Ducks live there. Ed goes to the pond. He feeds the ducks bread. That is a good way to make friends with ducks.

One spring, Ed was in his yard. Something said "Peep!" from under a bush. There was a mother duck on a nest! Ed was happy. "I have ducks!" he said. Soon all the baby ducks hatched. There were eight little ducklings.

Ed got his mother. "Come look!" he said. He showed her the ducklings. "Are those our ducks, Mom?" he asked.

His mother laughed. "They can live here for now. The mother duck will take them to the pond soon, maybe even today."

Ed watched the ducks all day. He was very quiet. In the afternoon, the mother duck walked to the pond with her babies. "Quack," she said. "Peep, peep," said the ducklings. They followed their mother to the pond and jumped in. They could already swim!

"I will visit you every day," Ed said. "You can all come to make your own nests behind my house when you grow up!"

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**Answer the questions about *EIGHT LITTLE DUCKLINGS*.**

1. What is Ed's favorite bird?
  - a. eagle
  - b. duck
  - c. goose
  - d. swan
2. Why can't Ed have a duck of his own?
  - a. His house is too small.
  - b. His mother doesn't like ducks.
  - c. The cat might eat it.
  - d. Ducks are too noisy.
3. What can the baby ducks already do?
  - a. Climb trees
  - b. Fly in the sky
  - c. Swim in the pond
  - d. Dig holes
4. What is your favorite bird? Why? What do you know about your favorite bird?

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**Answers to *EIGHT LITTLE DUCKLINGS***

**1. b**

**2. a**

**3. c**

**4. answers will vary**