

UNIT 37 HOMEWORK 1

Chuckella Needs a Lesson

Once upon a time, there was a hen named Chuckella. Farmer Brown's wife said, "Chuckella is so pretty. We shouldn't sell her eggs. We should let Chuckella hatch her eggs."

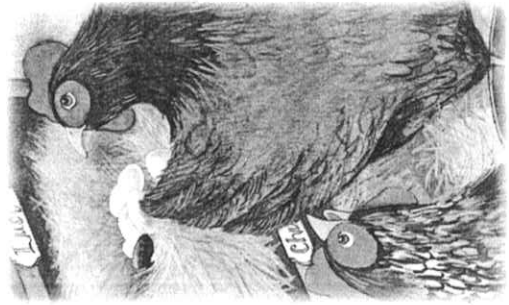
The other hens were very upset when they found out that Chuckella would get to hatch her eggs.

Chuckella sneered, "What do you expect? My chicks will be pretty too!"

The hens got together and said, "We need to teach Chuckella a lesson."

The next day, while Chuckella was out in the barnyard, the hens picked two chicken eggs from Chuckella's nest. Into the nest they set one very small white egg and one big black egg.

When Chuckella came back, she didn't even see that the eggs were different.



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UNIT 37 HOMEWORK 2

Until the Dinosaur Hatches

When her eggs started to crack, Chuckella sneered, "Now everyone will see how pretty my chicks are!"

Just then Chuckella peeked at the chick that was hatching. It had a long green snout! Chuckella was speechless. The other hens clucked, "Pretty chick indeed!"

When Chuckella's eggs were done hatching, there was a crocodile-like *chick*, a snake-like *chick*, a robin-like *chick*, and a goose-like *chick*. There were no pretty little chicks.

Chuckella said, "So what! There's one egg left. It will be my pretty little chick."

Zeb said, "Chuckella, that egg isn't going to hatch. It's a dinosaur egg."

Chuckella wouldn't listen. To this day, she is still sitting on that big, hard dinosaur egg.



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UNIT 37 HOMEWORK 3

Life in the Egg

Every chicken begins life the same way— as an egg. A hen lays between seven and fifteen eggs. She lays one egg each day in her nest. Then the hen sits on the eggs until they hatch.

Once the hen lays the eggs, little chicks begin to form inside each of the eggs. At the start, the chicks seem to be little red specks in the eggs.

After two days, the heads of the chicks are forming. After seven days, the beginnings of their legs and wings develop. Soon their beaks develop.



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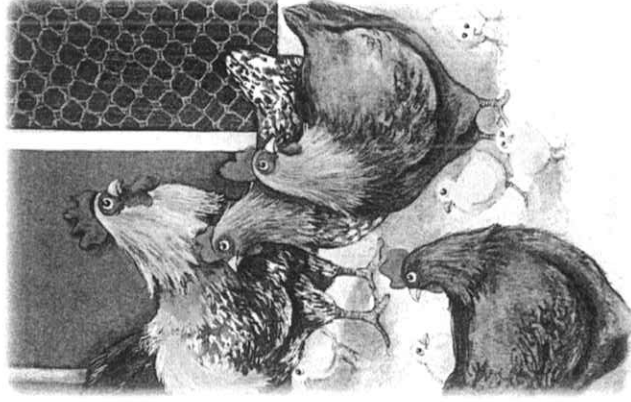
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Life in the Barnyard

After twenty-one days in the eggs, the little chicks run out of food. They become so big that they need to get out of their shells. They peck, peck, peck.

All chicks have a tooth called an egg tooth. The egg tooth helps them crack their shells. They peck thousands of times to crack their shells.

When they get out, the chicks are dripping wet and not very pretty. After a short time, they fluff up. Soon they can eat. They can get around by themselves, and say, “Cheep, cheep, cheep.” Before long, the little chicks become roosters and hens. It’s all part of life in the barnyard.



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