

The Case of the Late Rooster

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Age

10

Genre

Realistic Fiction

Word Count

404 Words

Story at a Glance

The mouse found out why the rooster missed sunrise. Carmella put a bag over his head so she could sleep in. She learned that the crops weren't watered on time, the horses were fed late, and that the rooster might be replaced. The next morning, the rooster woke everyone up at dawn.

Activity Ideas

After reading the story, *The Case of the Late Rooster*, let's learn the new words in the story. And, dig deeper into the story!

Key Words

ashamed

feeling guilt

retire

to stop working

sleep in

to sleep longer than usual

nesting

to build or live in a nest

snuggle

to lie or press closely

exclaim

to yell out suddenly, as from surprise or emotion

crop

a plant product that is grown and harvested for food

flutter

to wave or flap rapidly

Words Use

Choose the word that best completes each sentence.

01 The rooster is afraid they might _____ him because he missed sunrise.

- ① retire
- ② snuggle
- ③ flutter

02 I took my trusty blanket and _____ into the straw.

- ① exclaimed
- ② snuggled
- ③ fluttered

03 She was _____ with some other chickens in the back when I went to see her.

- ① retiring
- ② sleeping
- ③ nesting

04 "You were blocking out the light so I would sleep past sunrise!" he _____.

- ① dawned
- ② exclaimed
- ③ fluttered

05 Carmella always wanted to _____.

- ① sleep in
- ② exclaim
- ③ retire

Words Building

After reading *The Case of the Late Rooster*, write the meaning of each word in your own words.

ashamed

retire

sleep in

nesting

snuggle

exclaim

crop

flutter

Grammar

Write the past tense form of the action verb in each sentence in the typing box.
Solve the sample question before you start.

<Sample>

The rooster sees the bag.

01 I go out to the barn to find out his side of the story.

02 The other animals gather around.

03 "Hold it right there!" I yell.

04 The rooster wakes us all up at dawn.

05 I snuggle into the straw near the rooster without him knowing.

Understanding #1

Select 'True' if the statement is correct and 'False' if the statement is not correct. If you choose 'False' as an answer, think about what the right answer is.

- 01 The whole farm was quiet yesterday morning. T / F
- 02 Carmella is the worst looking chicken in the coop. T / F
- 03 The mouse put a bag over the rooster's head. T / F
- 04 The mouse's mother let the mouse sleep out in the barn last night. T / F

Understanding #2

01 What is the main idea of the story?

- ① The mouse was the rooster's friend.
- ② The mouse caught Carmella putting the bag on the rooster.
- ③ Carmella stopped the rooster from waking up everyone on the farm on time.

02 The crops weren't watered in time and the horses were fed late because _____.

- ① the hen put a bag over the rooster's head
- ② the mouse snuggled near the rooster
- ③ the pig and the goose yelled at the hen
- ④ the rooster woke up on time

03 What do you think would happen if the rooster missed sunrise again?

- ① Carmella would not be sorry.
- ② The horses would be fed on time.
- ③ The mouse would not have slept in the barn.
- ④ They would retire him.

04 The mouse woke up _____.

- ① when Carmella was nesting
- ② in the middle of the night
- ③ before the rooster went to sleep
- ④ when the pig yelled at the hen

Understanding #3

Choose the order of the pictures that shows what happened in the story.

A



B



C



D



① B-C-A-D

② C-A-D-B

③ A-D-B-C

④ D-B-C-A

Read the passage below and choose the matching picture.

I woke up in the middle of the night. I saw Carmella putting a bag over the rooster's head. "Hold it right there!" I yelled. The rooster woke up and saw the bag. "You were blocking out the light so I would sleep past sunrise!" he exclaimed.

①



②



③



④



Coloring Sheet

📅 DATE:

👤 NAME:



Speaking Fluency

Speak about the picture out loud.



I saw Carmella _____

_____.

"Hold it right there!" I yelled.

The rooster woke up and

_____. "You _____

_____!"

he exclaimed.



The other animals _____

_____.

"It threw _____,

you lazy hen," said a pig. A

goose added, "The crows

_____.

_____."

Critical Thinking

Think about the questions and express your ideas or opinions about them.

01 Why did the mouse snuggle into the straw next to the rooster at night?

02 Why did Carmella try to put a bag over the rooster's head?

03 Why should we be careful about the things that we do?

Writing

Write about the story on a separate piece of paper.

Title

Author



Can this story happen in real life?

Yes

No



This story is about

(a little boy and a dog, a scarecrow, an old tree, etc.)

Draw a picture about the story and write a sentence or two about the picture.

Making Your Own Story

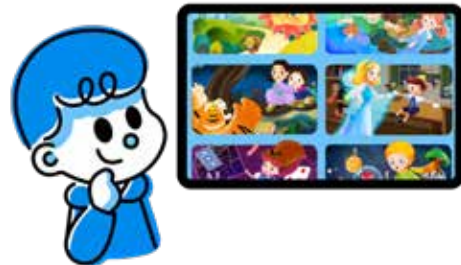


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③ Choose your face character.



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① Enter the story, *The Case of the Late Rooster*.



② Press the subtitle.



③ Record your voice for the subtitle.



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Answer Sheet

Words Use

- 1 - ①
- 2 - ②
- 3 - ③
- 4 - ②
- 5 - ①

Grammar

- 1 - went
- 2 - gathered
- 3 - yelled
- 4 - woke
- 5 - snuggled

Understanding #1

- 1 - T
- 2 - F
- 3 - F
- 4 - T

Understanding #2

- 1 - ③
- 2 - ①
- 3 - ④
- 4 - ②

Understanding #3

- Top - ③
- Bottom - ②

Speaking Fluency

[Left]

I saw Carmella putting a bag over the rooster's head. "Hold it right there!" I yelled. The rooster woke up and saw the bag. "You were blocking out the light so I would sleep past sunrise!" he exclaimed.

[Right]

The other animals woke up and gathered around. "It threw the whole day off, you lazy hen," said a pig. A goose added, "The crops weren't watered in time and the horses were fed late."

Critical Thinking

Possible Answer

1. The mouse snuggled into the straw next to the rooster so he would be able to see why the rooster was waking up late.
2. She did this so the rooster wouldn't see the sun rise and wake everyone else up. She doesn't like to wake up early, so she was trying to not be woken up.
3. We should be careful because we don't know how much the things we do can change and affect other people. Camilla did something but didn't realize how much it could lead to many bad things.