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**Before you read, can you match
the words with the pictures?**

1 cat

2 hen

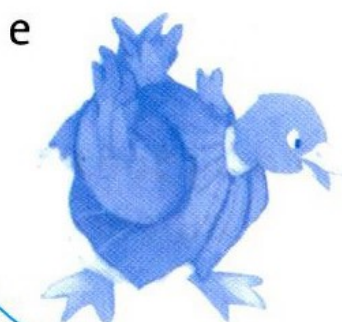
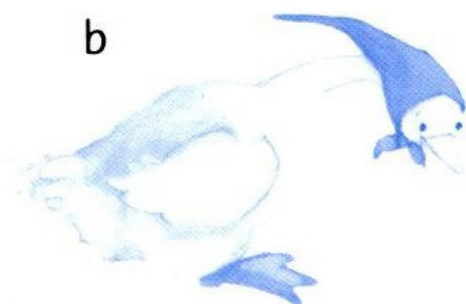
3 seeds

4 duck

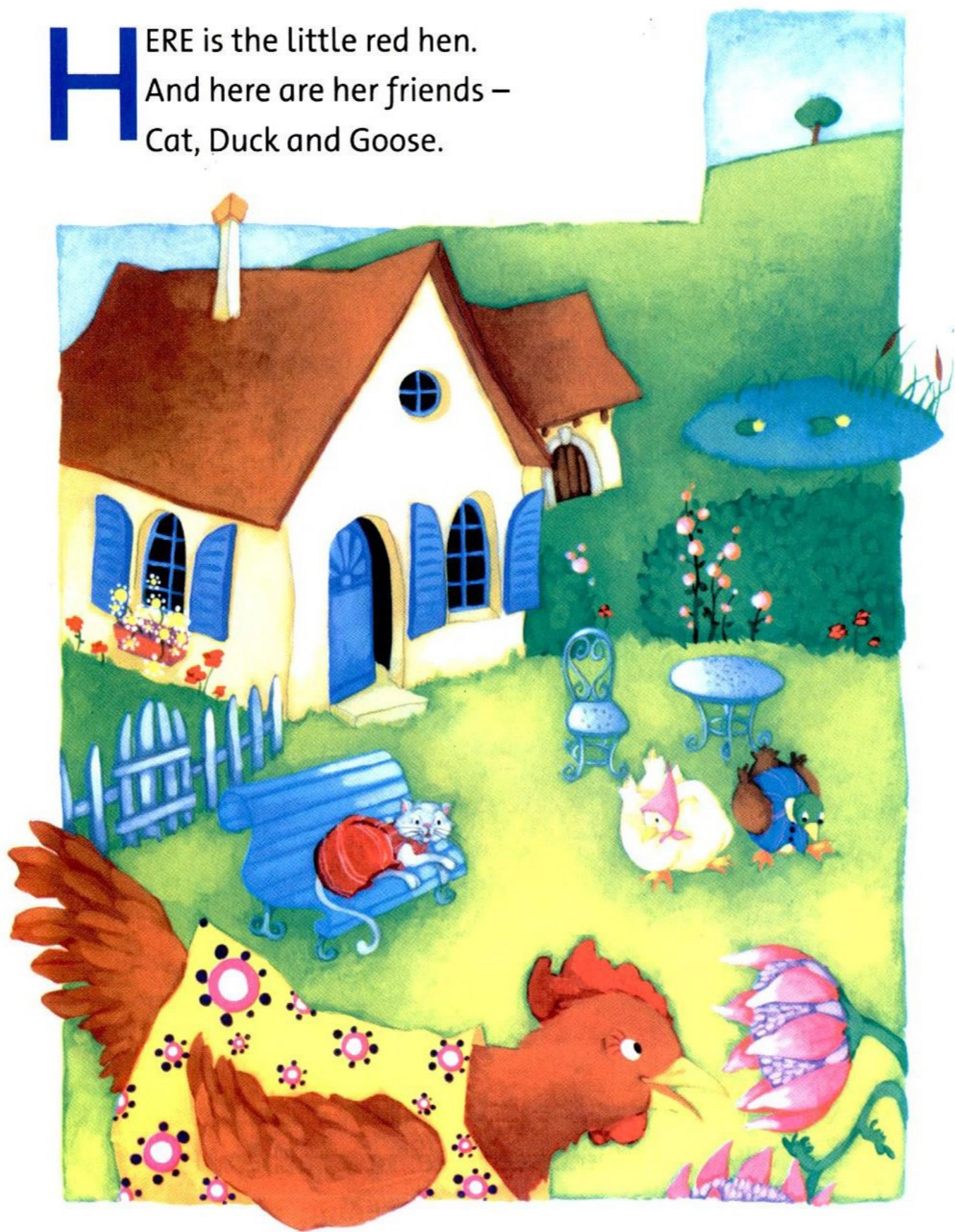
5 wheat

6 goose

7 bread



HERE is the little red hen.
And here are her friends –
Cat, Duck and Goose.



cat

duck

goose

hen



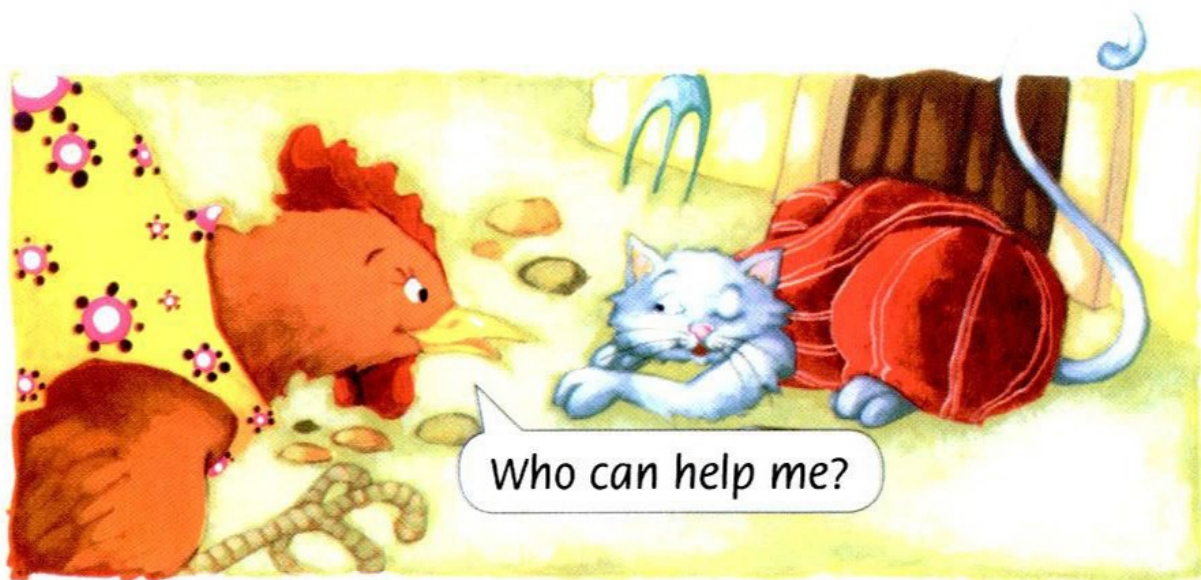


Look! Seeds!

'Look!' says the little red hen.
'Seeds! Wheat seeds! Let's plant them!
Come on! Who can help me?'

plant seeds



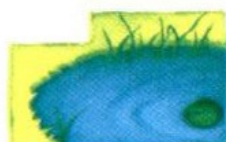


'Come on! Who can help me?'
says the little red hen.
'I can't,' says Cat. 'I want to sleep.'



'Who can help me?'
says the little red hen.
'I can't,' says Duck.
'I want to play in the water.'

water



'Come on!' says the little red hen.
'Who can help me?'
'I can't,' says Goose.
'I want to sit in the sun.'

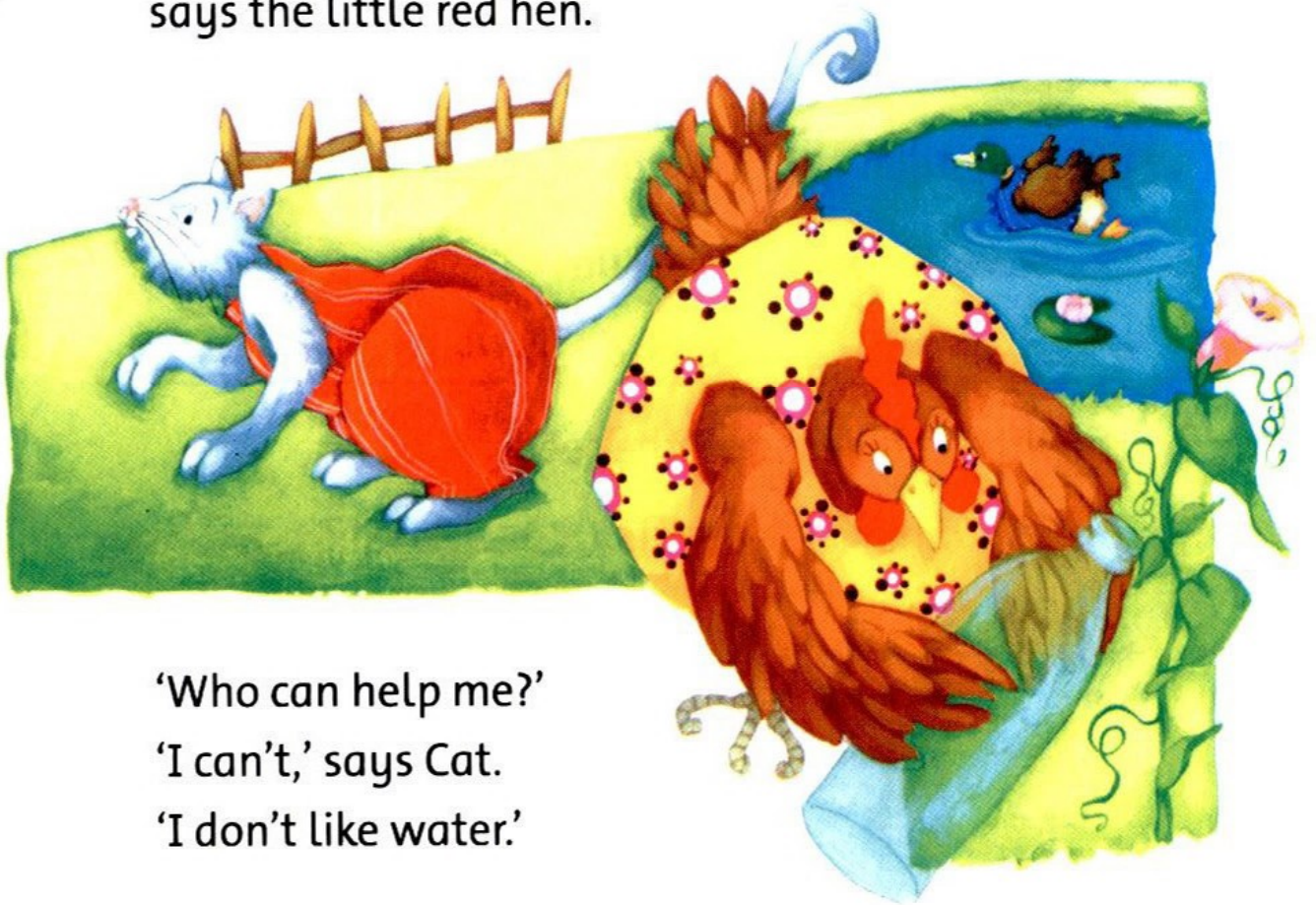


'All right,' says the little red hen.
And she does all the work.
She plants all the seeds.





'The seeds want water.
Who can help me?'
says the little red hen.



'Who can help me?'
'I can't,' says Cat.
'I don't like water.'

Answer the questions.

- 1 The little red hen has ... friends.
a ☐ two b ☒ three c ☐ four
- 2 The little red hen finds some ...
a ☐ seeds b ☐ trees c ☐ flowers
- 3 'Who can ... me?' asks the little red hen.
a ☐ make b ☐ see c ☐ help
- 4 Cat wants to ...
a ☐ eat b ☐ walk c ☐ sleep
- 5 Duck wants to play in the ...
a ☐ garden b ☐ water c ☐ sun
- 6 Goose wants to ... in the sun.
a ☐ sit b ☐ sleep c ☐ walk
- 7 The little red hen ... all the seeds.
a ☐ plants b ☐ eats c ☐ washes



Write the words.

seeds

water

duck

~~hen~~

goose

cat

1

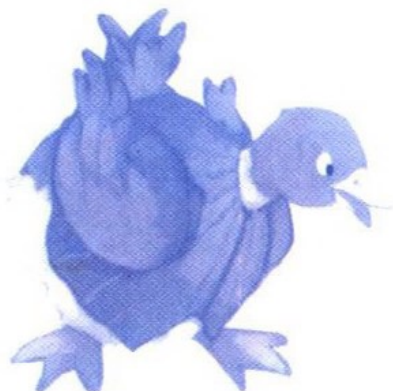


hen

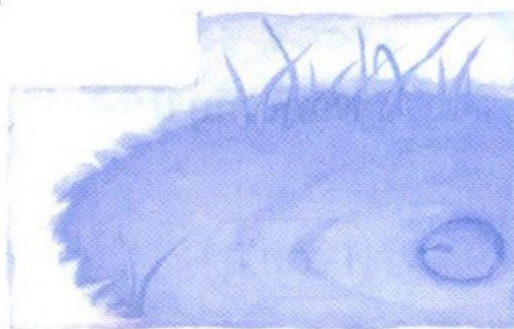
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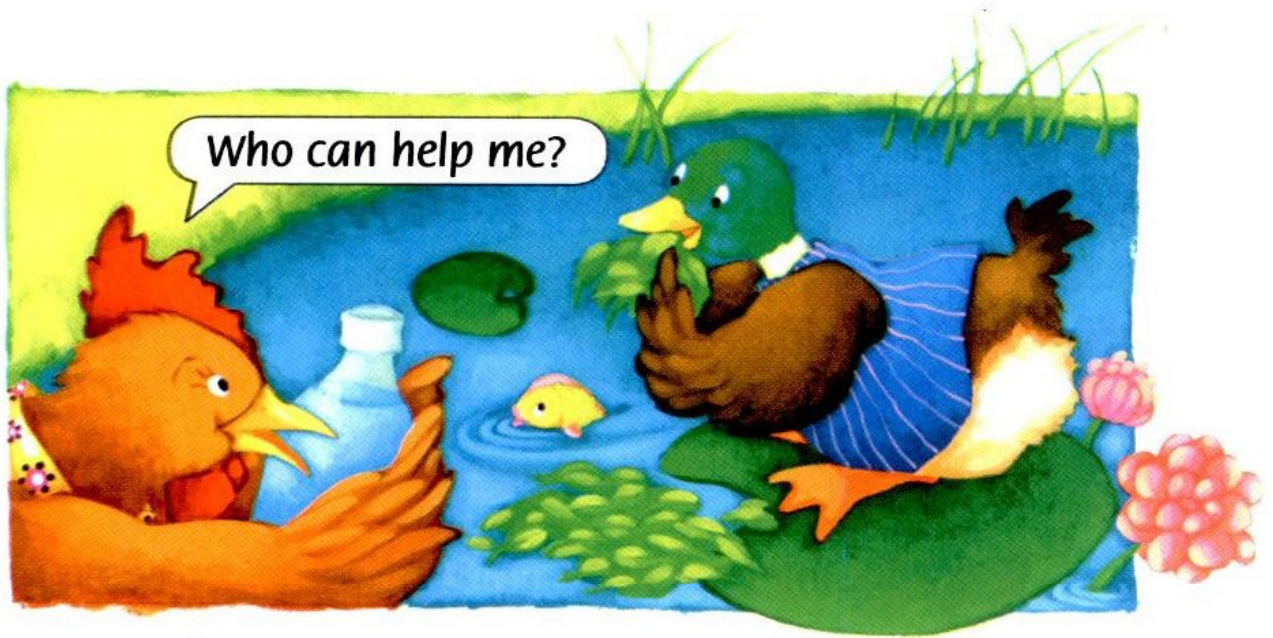


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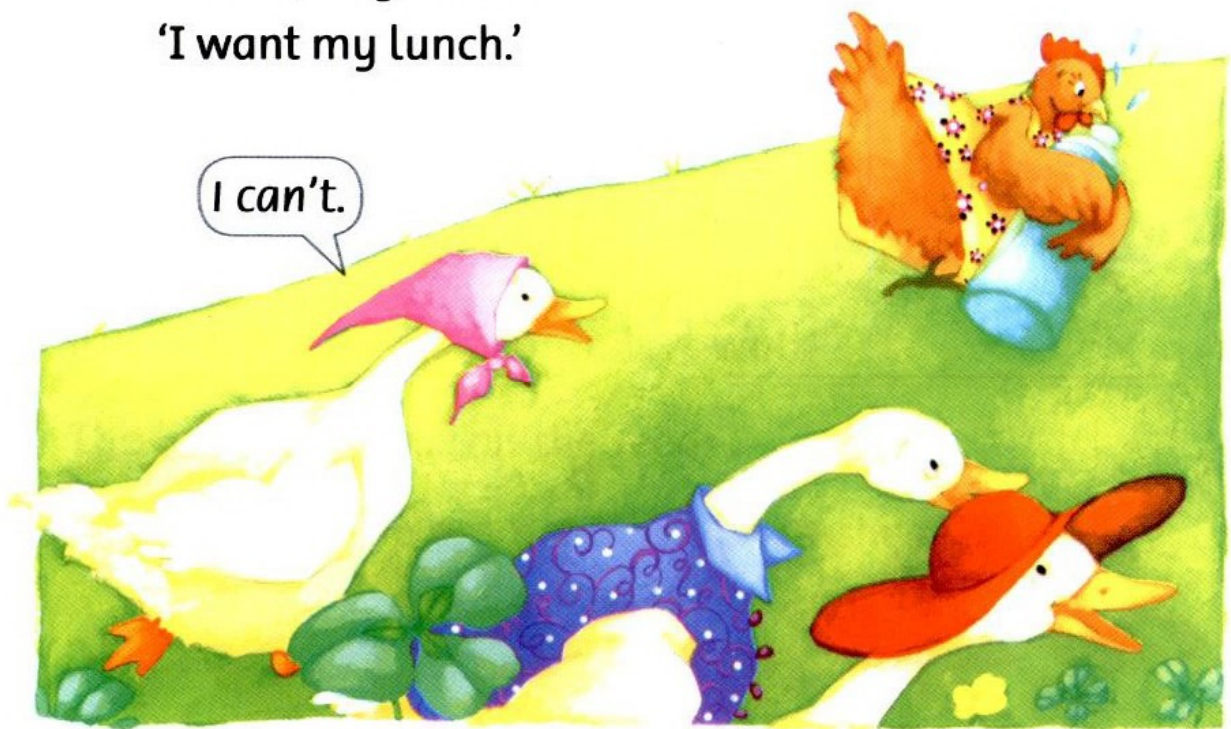


'Come on!' says the little red hen.

'Who can help me?'

'I can't,' says Duck.

'I want my lunch.'



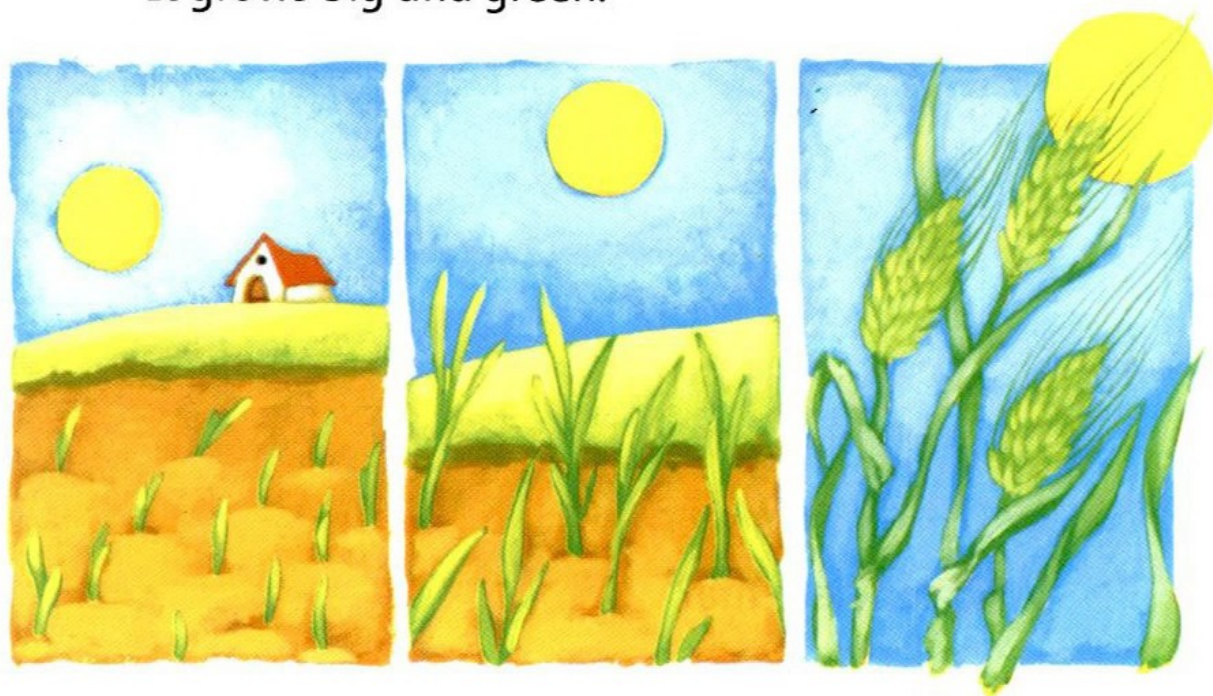
'Who can help me?'

'I can't,' says Goose. 'I want a walk.'

'All right,' says the little red hen.
And she does all the work.



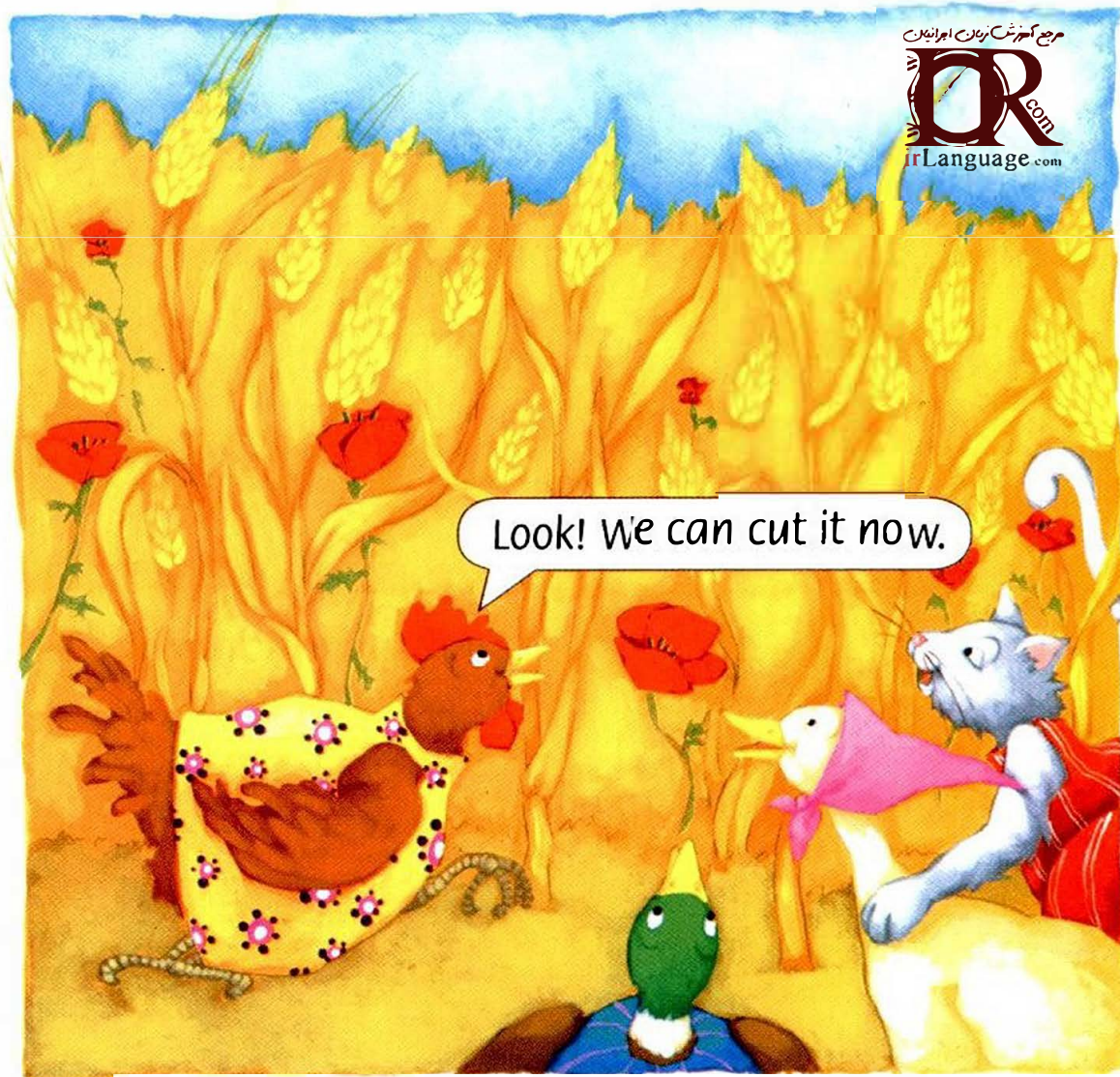
The sun is warm.
The wheat grows.
It grows big and green.



wheat



The sun is hot.
And now the wheat is yellow.



'Look!' says the little red hen.
'The wheat is yellow.
We can cut it now.
Who can help me?'

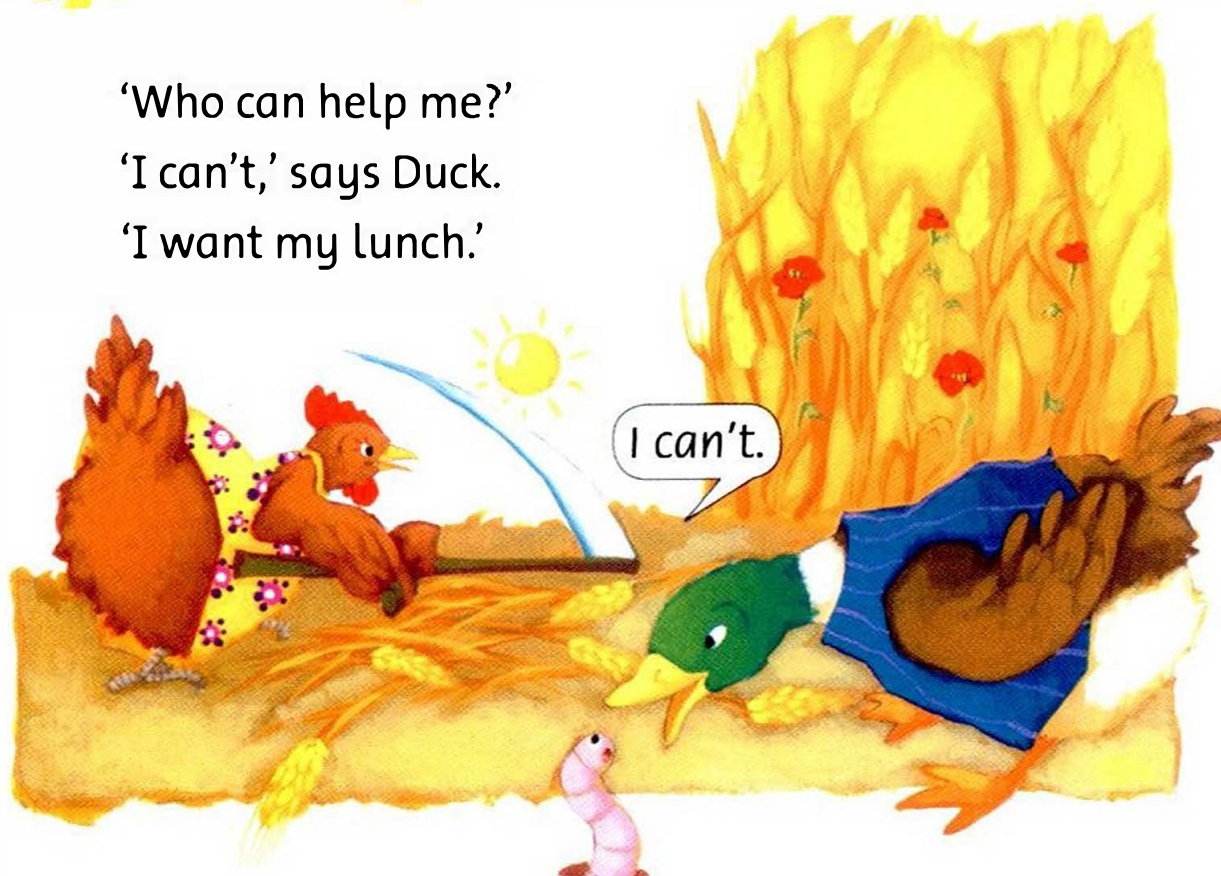
cut



'Who can help me?'
'I can't,' says Cat.
'I want to play.'



'Who can help me?'
'I can't,' says Duck.
'I want my lunch.'



Fill in the gaps.

sun

play

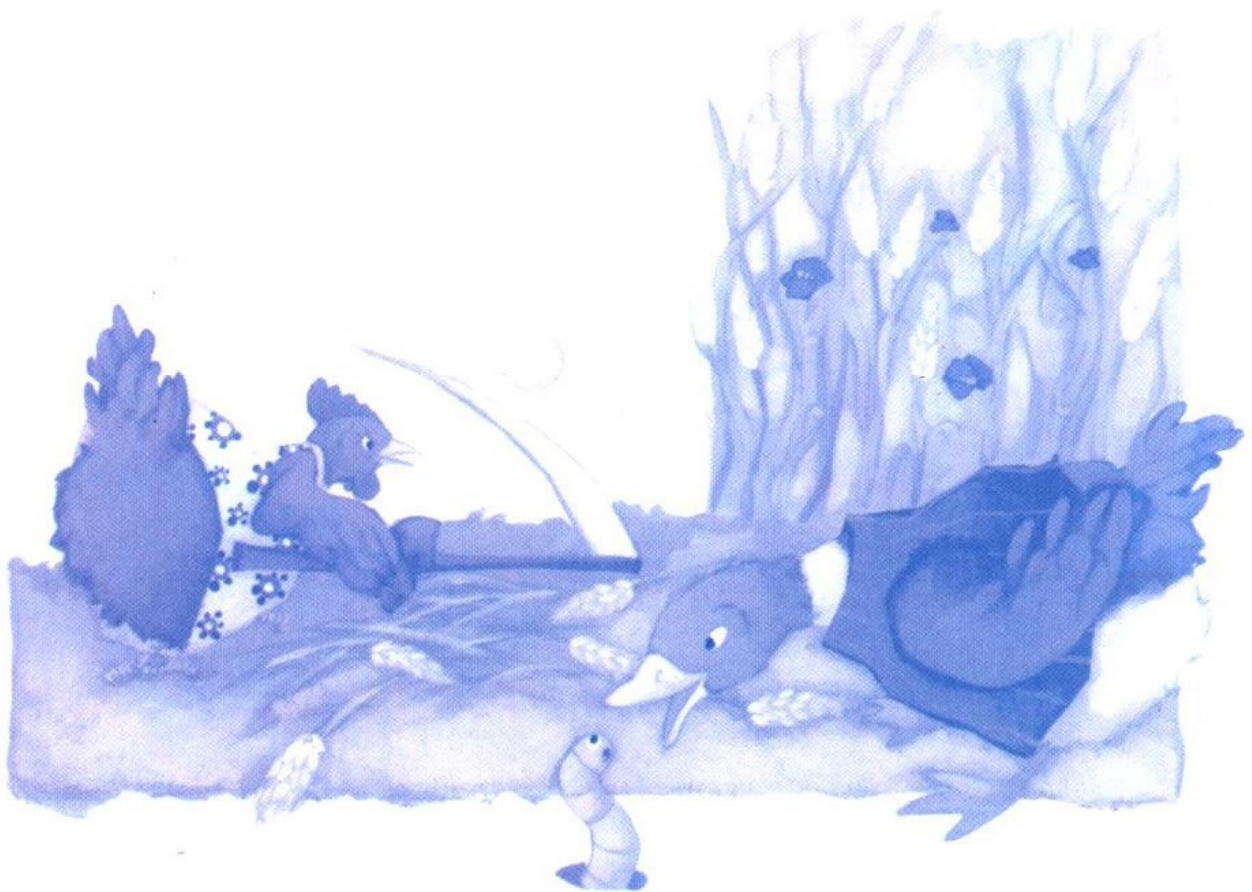
big

cut

~~right~~

can

- 1 'All right,' says the little red hen.
- 2 The _____ is warm.
- 3 The wheat grows _____ and green.
- 4 'We can _____ it now,' says the little red hen.
- 5 'Who _____ help me?' asks the little red hen.
- 6 'I can't. I want to _____,' says Cat.



Are these sentences true or false?

1 Cat doesn't like water.

☒ True ☐ False

2 Duck wants her lunch.

☐ True ☐ False

3 Goose wants to play.

☐ True ☐ False

4 The sun is cold.

☐ True ☐ False

5 The wheat grows big and green.

☐ True ☐ False

6 The wheat is red.

☐ True ☐ False

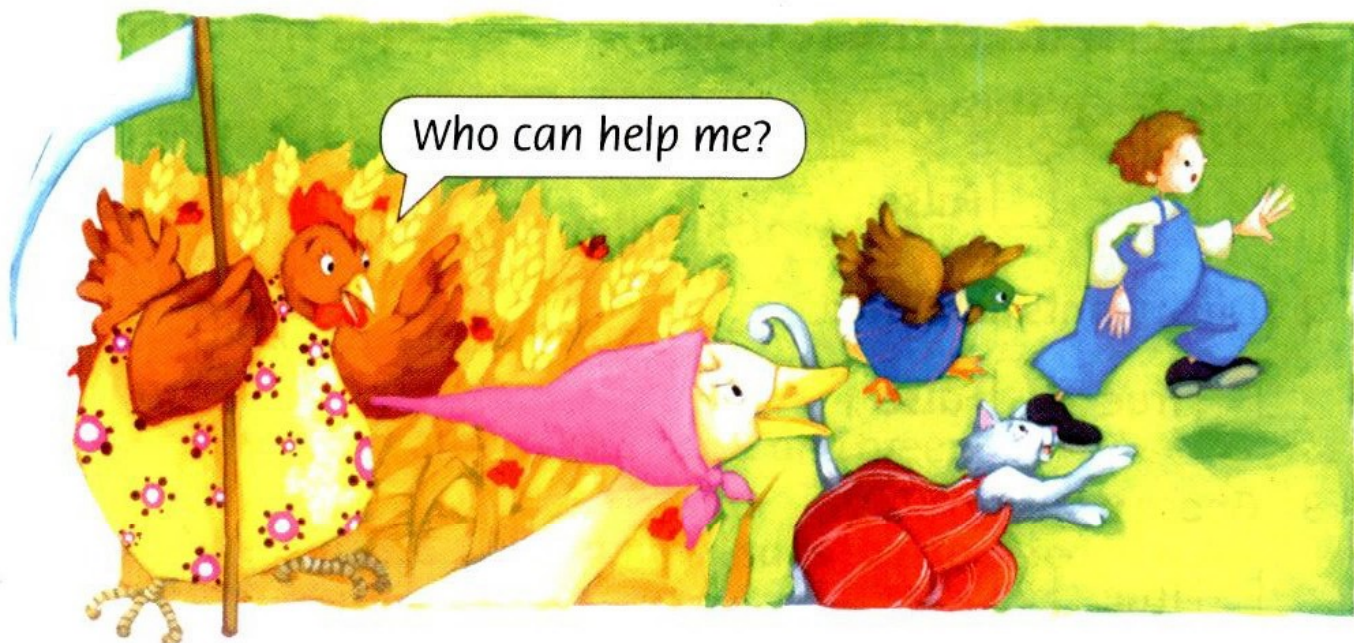
7 Cat wants to play.

☐ True ☐ False

8 Duck wants to help the little red hen.

☐ True ☐ False





'Who can help me?'

'I can't,' says Goose. 'I want to play.'

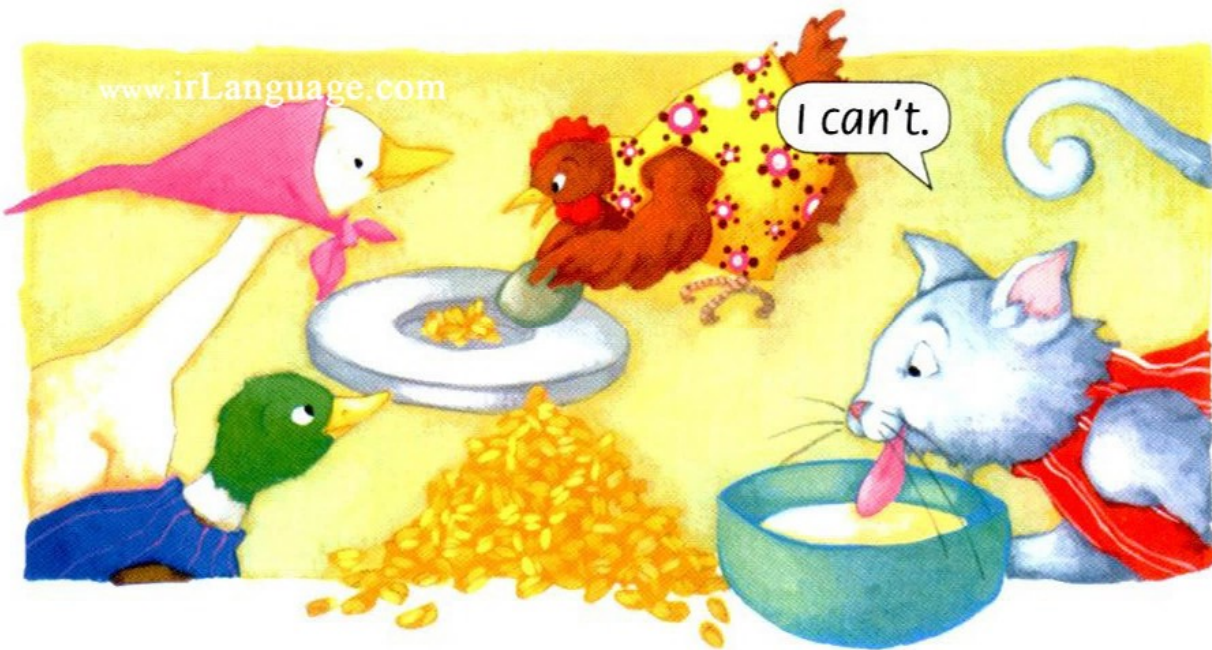
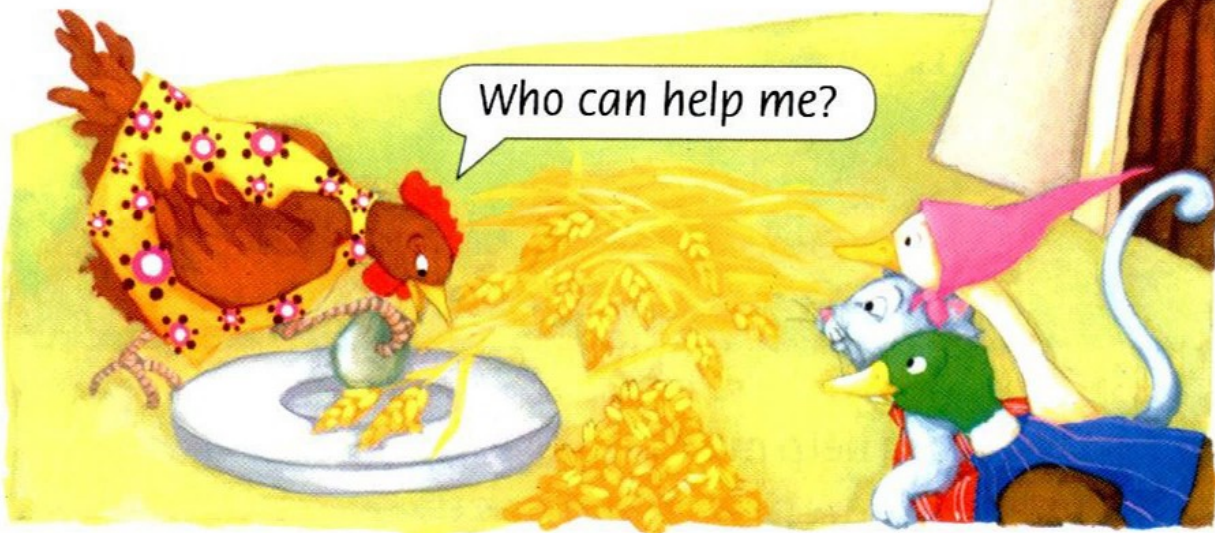


'All right,' says the little red hen.

And she does all the work.

She cuts all the wheat.

'Let's grind this wheat,'
says the little red hen.
'Let's grind it into flour.'



'Who can help me?'
'I can't,' says Cat.
'I want some milk.'

grind

milk





'Who can help me?'

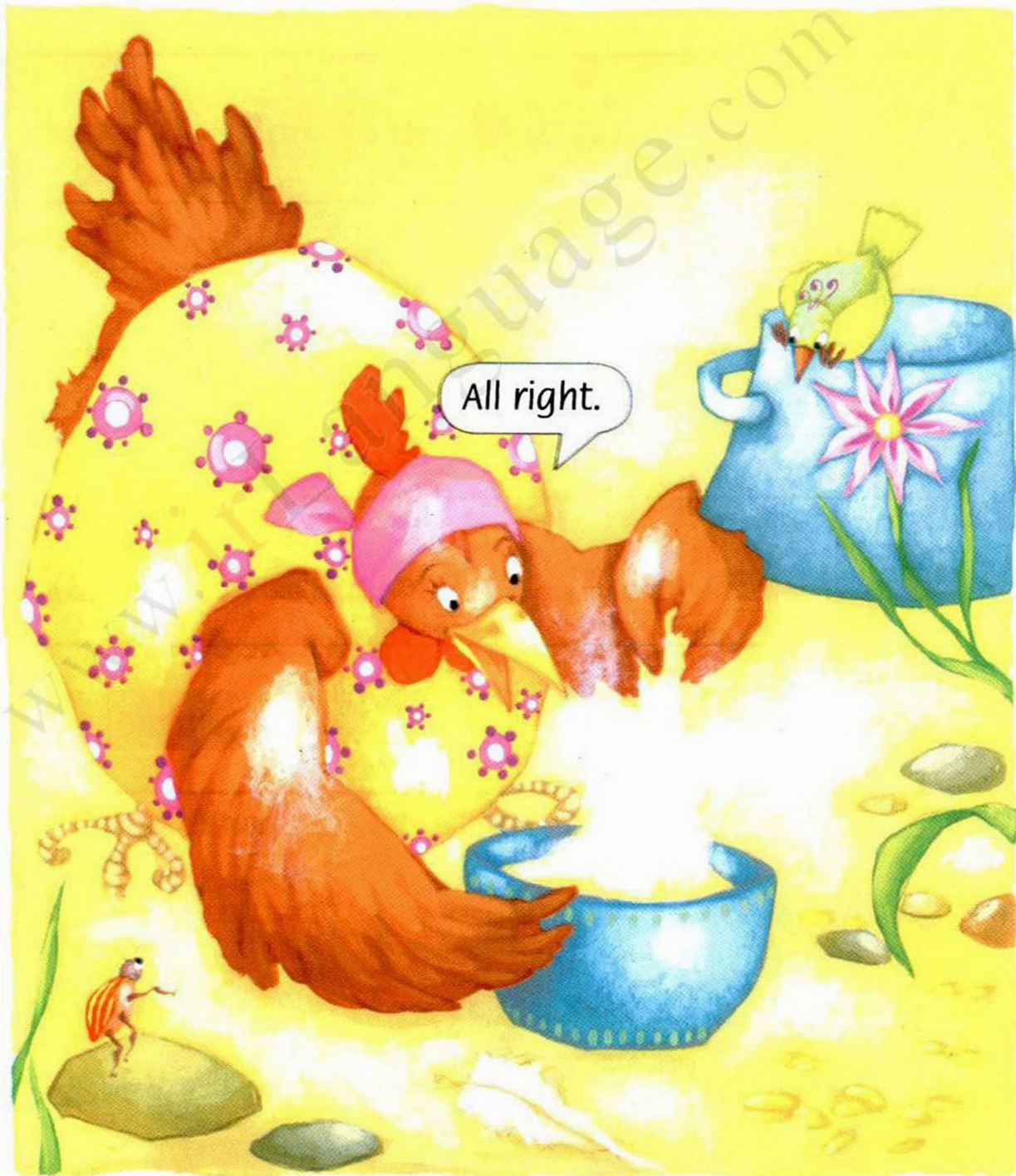
'I can't,' says Duck. 'I want to sleep!'



'Who can help me?'

'I can't,' says Goose. 'I want a drink.'

'All right,' says the little red hen.
And she does all the work.



She grinds the wheat into flour.

flour



Put the words in the correct order.

1 help can me Who ?

Who can help me?

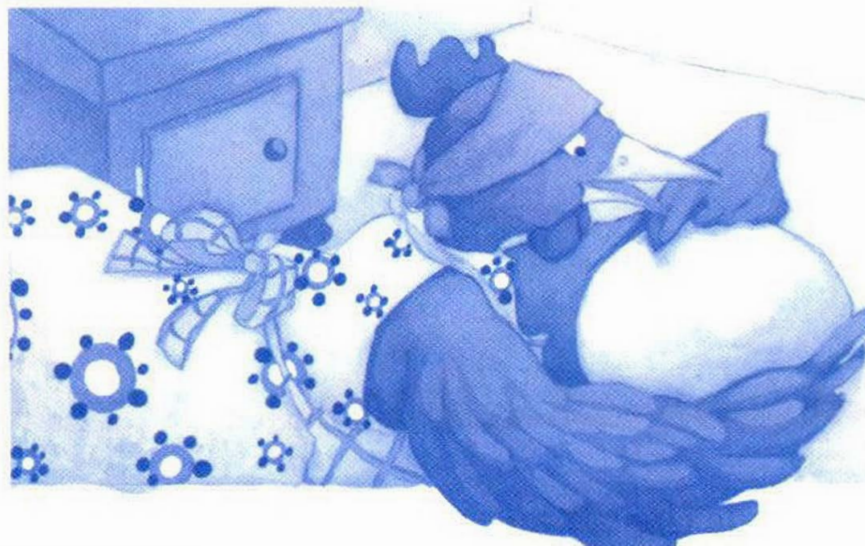
2 cuts wheat She the all .

3 Let's wheat this grind .

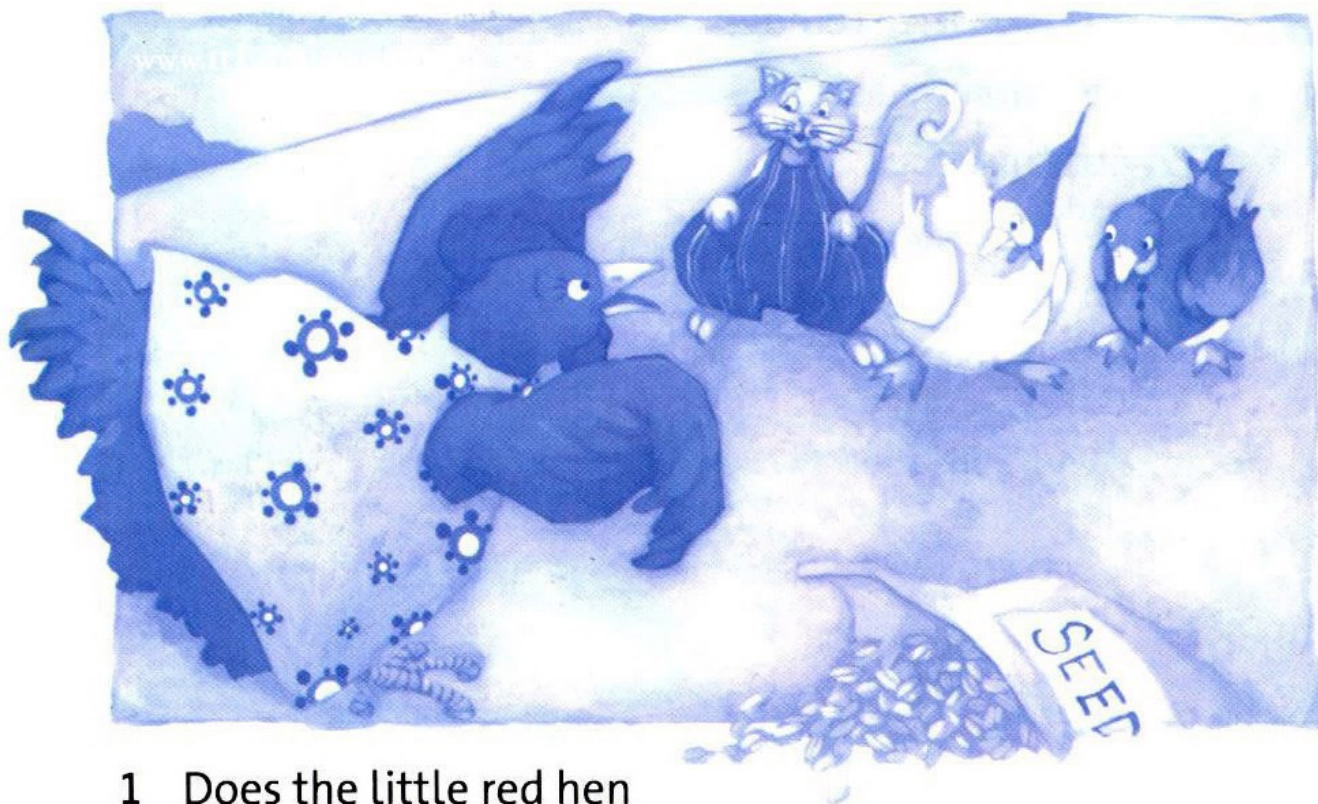
4 want milk some I .

5 the And does she work all .

6 into the grinds She flour wheat .



Look at the picture. Answer the questions. Yes or no?

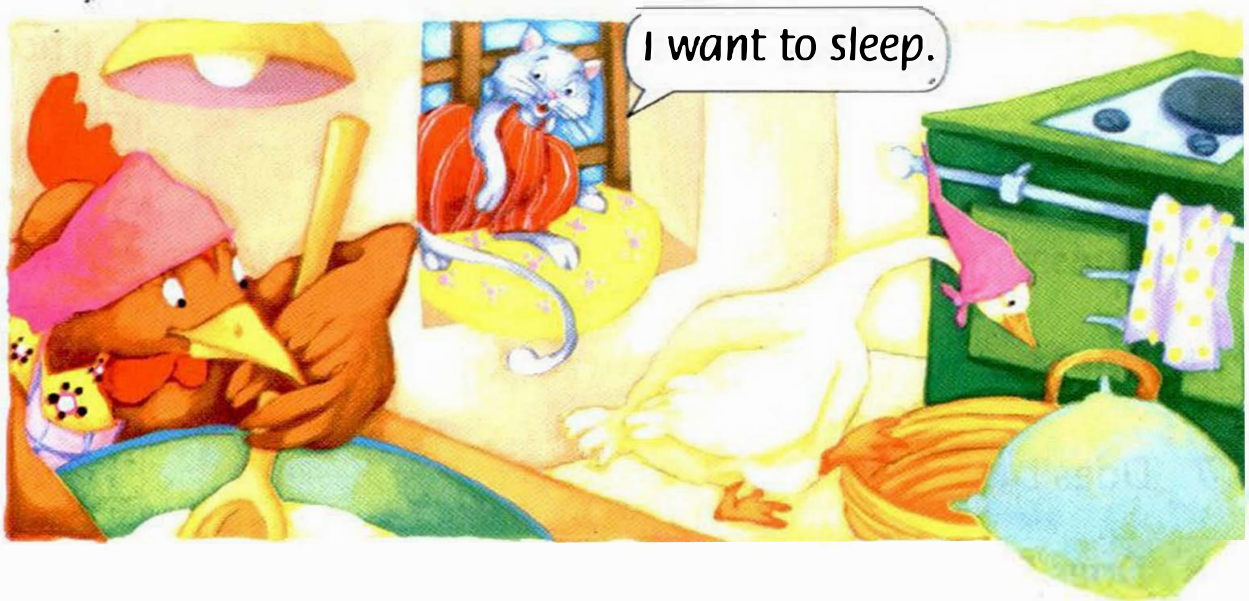


- 1 Does the little red hen find some seeds? ☒ yes ☐ no
- 2 Are they wheat seeds? ☐ yes ☐ no
- 3 Does she want to eat them? ☐ yes ☐ no
- 4 Does she want to plant them? ☐ yes ☐ no
- 5 Does she want help? ☐ yes ☐ no
- 6 Does Cat want to help? ☐ yes ☐ no
- 7 Does Duck want to help? ☐ yes ☐ no
- 8 Does Goose want to help? ☐ yes ☐ no

'We can make bread,'
says the little red hen.
'We can make some bread
with this flour.'



'Come on!' says the little red hen.
'Who can help me?'
'I can't,' says Cat. 'I want to sleep.'



bread





'Come on!' says the little red hen.

'Who can help me?'

'I can't,' says Duck.

'I want to go in the garden.'

garden





'Who can help me?'
says the little red hen.
'I can't,' says Goose. I want to sit and wash.'

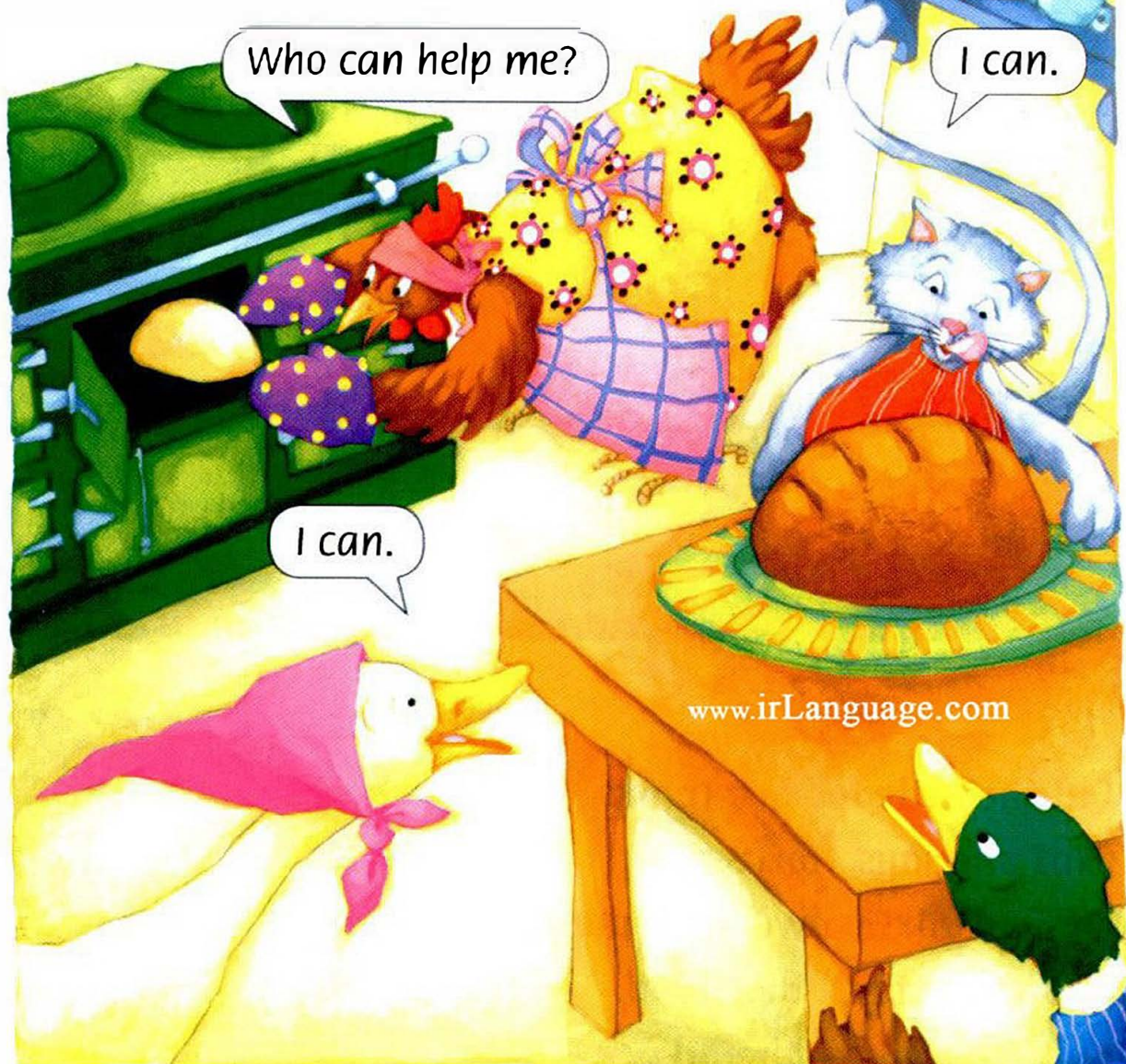


'All right,' says the little red hen.
And she does all the work.
She makes all the bread.

wash



'This bread looks good!'
says the little red hen.
'It's time to eat the bread.
Who can help me?'
'I can!' says Cat.
'I can!' says Duck.
'I can!' says Goose





But the little red hen thinks.
'No!' she says. 'You can't!
Off you go! Go away and play!
And she eats all the bread.
All ... all ... all the bread.'

think



Complete the sentences with these words.

away

on

~~grinds~~

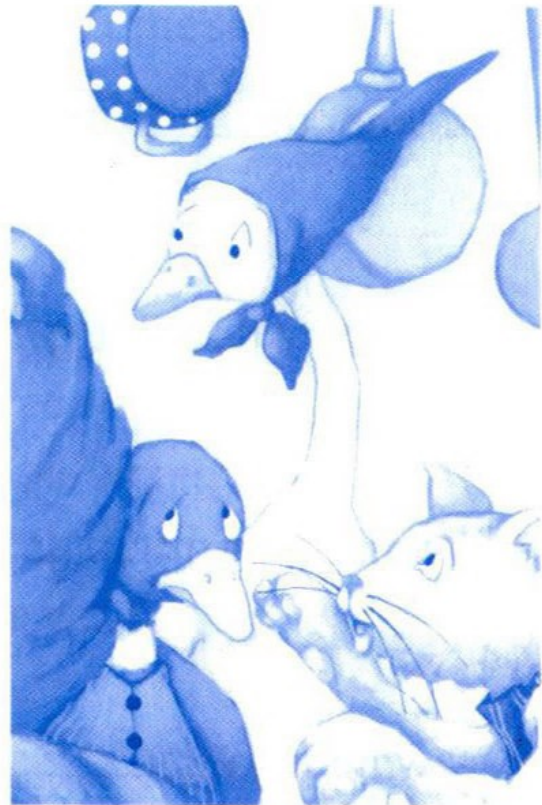
time

wash

eats

bread

- 1 She grinds the wheat into flour.
- 2 'We can make _____,' says the little red hen.
- 3 'Come _____! Who can help me?'
- 4 'I want to sit and _____,' says Goose.
- 5 'It's _____ to eat the bread.'
- 6 'Off you go! Go _____ and play.'
- 7 She _____ all the bread.



What do they say?

1 'I want to p l a y in the garden.'



2 'I want to s _ _ _ _ _.'



3 'I want to p _ _ _ _ in the water.'



4 'I want a d _ _ _ _ _.'



5 'I want to s _ _ _ and w _ _ _ _.'



6 'I want to go in the g _ _ _ _ _.'



7 'I want some m _ _ _ _.'



8 'I want my l _ _ _ _ _.'



Act the play.



Scene 1

Chant

The little red hen
finds some seeds.

Little red hen

Let's plant the seeds.
Who can help me?

Cat

I can't. I want to sleep.

Duck

I can't. I want to play
in the water.

Goose

I can't. I want to sit in the sun.

Chant

Nobody wants to help the
little red hen.

Little red hen

All right. I can plant the seeds.

Chant

And she does all the work.

Scene 2

Chant

The seeds want water. The little red hen
asks her friends.

Little red hen

Come on! Who can help me?

Cat

I can't. I don't like water.

Duck

I can't. I want my lunch.

Goose

I can't. I want a walk.

Little red hen

All right.

Chant

And she does all the work.





Scene 3

Chant

The sun is hot.

The wheat is yellow.

Little red hen

We can cut the wheat.

Who can help me?

Cat

I can't. I want to play.

Duck

I can't. I want my lunch.

Goose

I can't. I want to play.

Little red hen

All right.

Chant

She cuts all the wheat.

Scene 4

Little red hen

Let's grind the wheat.

Let's grind it into flour.

Cat

I can't. I want some milk.

Duck

I can't. I want to sleep.

Goose

I can't. I want a drink.

Chant

Nobody wants to help the
little red hen.

Little red hen

All right.

Chant

She grinds the wheat.
She does all the work.

Scene 5

Little red hen We can make some bread with this flour.
Come on! Who can help me?
Cat I can't. I want to sleep.
Duck I can't. I want to go in the garden.
Goose I can't. I want to sit and wash.
Little red hen All right. I can make the bread.
Chant She makes all the bread.

Scene 6

Chant The bread looks good.
Little red hen It's time to eat the bread.
Who can help me?
Cat I can!
Duck I can!
Goose I can!
Chant The little red hen thinks.
Little red hen No you can't! Off you go! Go away
and play.
Chant And she eats all the bread.
All ... all ... all the bread.





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