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

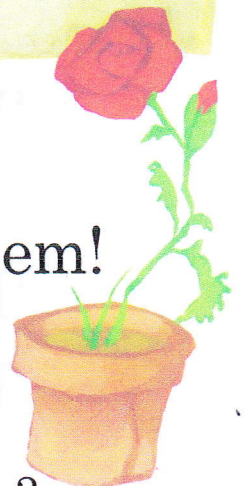




‘Look!’ says the little red hen.

‘Seeds! Wheat seeds! Let’s plant them!

Come on! Who can help me?’





‘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.’

‘Come on!’ says the little red hen.

‘Who can help me?’

‘I can’t,’ says Goose.

‘I want to sit in the sun.’



Who can help me?

I can't.



‘All right,’ says the little red hen.

And she does all the work.

She plants all the seeds.

All right.





'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.'

Who can help me?



‘Come on!’ says the little red hen.

‘Who can help me?’

‘I can’t,’ says Duck.

‘I want my lunch.’

I can’t.

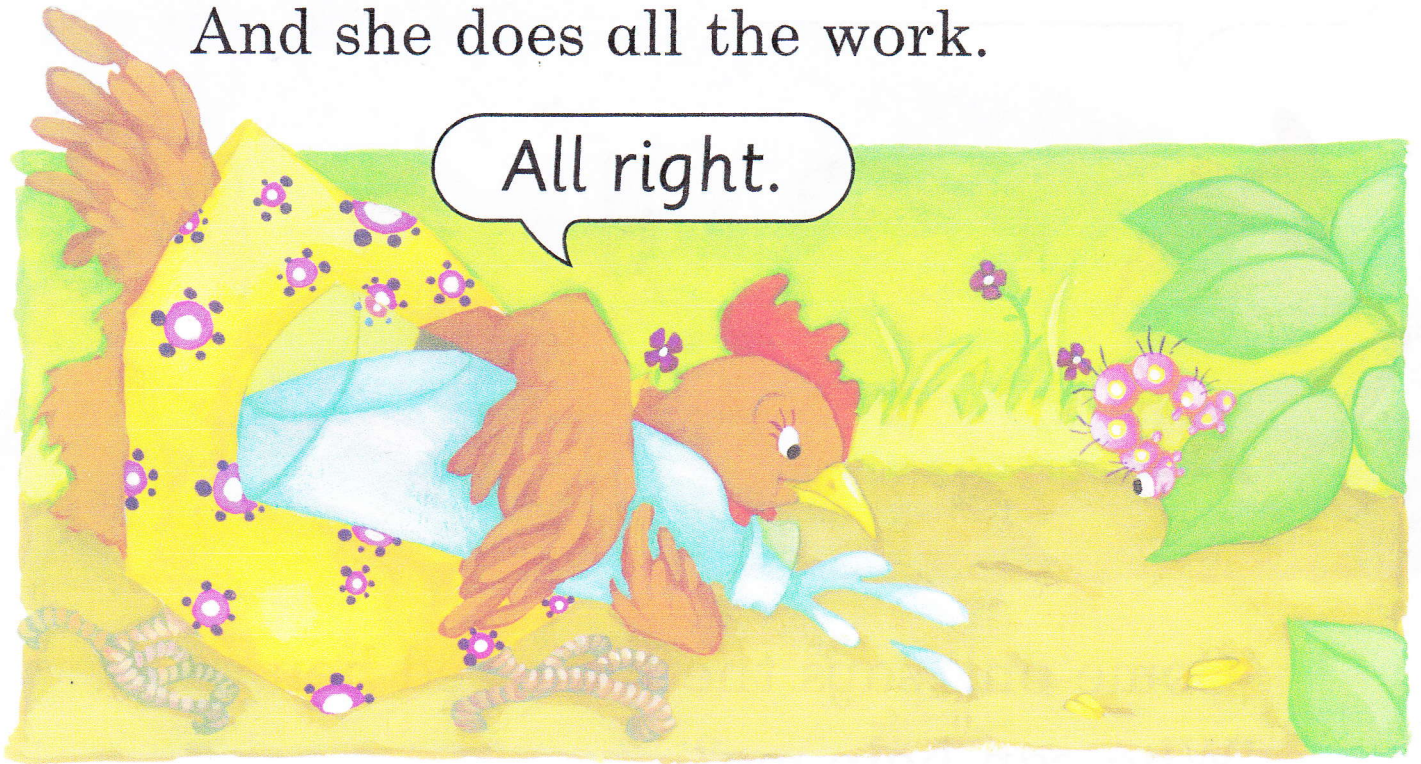


‘Who can help me?’

‘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.



The sun is hot.

And now the wheat is yellow.



Look! We can cut it now.

‘Look!’ says the little red hen.

‘The wheat is yellow.

We can cut it now.

Who can help me?’

'Who can help me?'

'I can't,' says Cat.

'I want to play.'

Who can help me?




'Who can help me?'

'I can't,' says Duck.

'I want my lunch.'

I can't.





Who can help me?

‘Who can help me?’

‘I can’t,’ says Goose. ‘I want to play.’



All right.

‘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.’

I want to sleep.



‘Who can help me?’

‘I can’t,’ says Duck. ‘I want to sleep!’

I want a drink.



‘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.

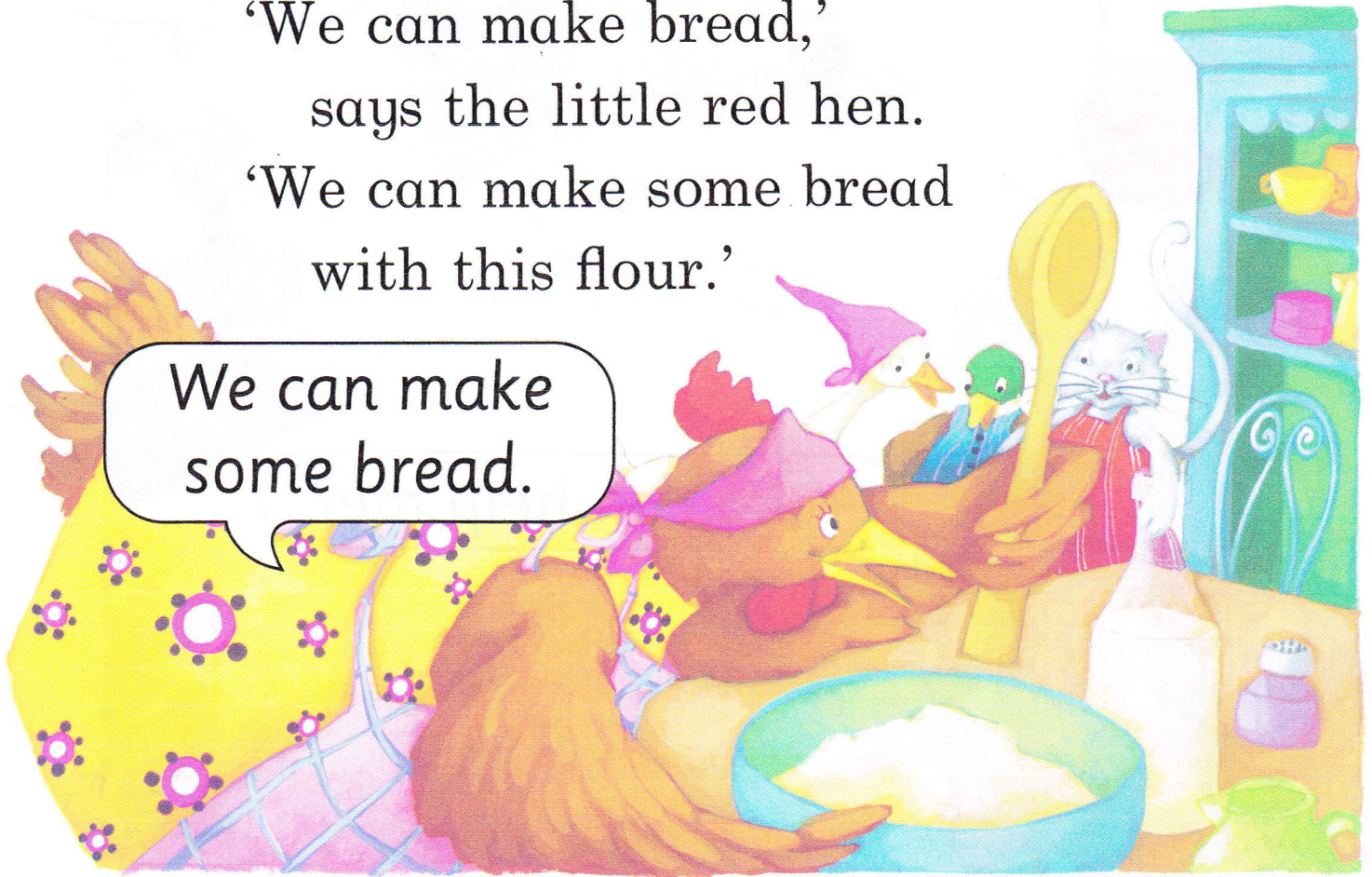


She grinds the wheat into flour.

‘We can make bread,’  
says the little red hen.

‘We can make some bread  
with this flour.’

We can make  
some bread.



‘Come on!’ says the little red hen  
‘Who can help me?’

‘I can’t,’ says Cat. ‘I want to sleep.’

I want to sleep.







‘Come on!’ says the little red hen.

‘Who can help me?’

‘I can’t,’ says Duck.

‘I want to go in the garden.’



'Who can help me?'  
says the little red hen.

'I can't,' says Goose.

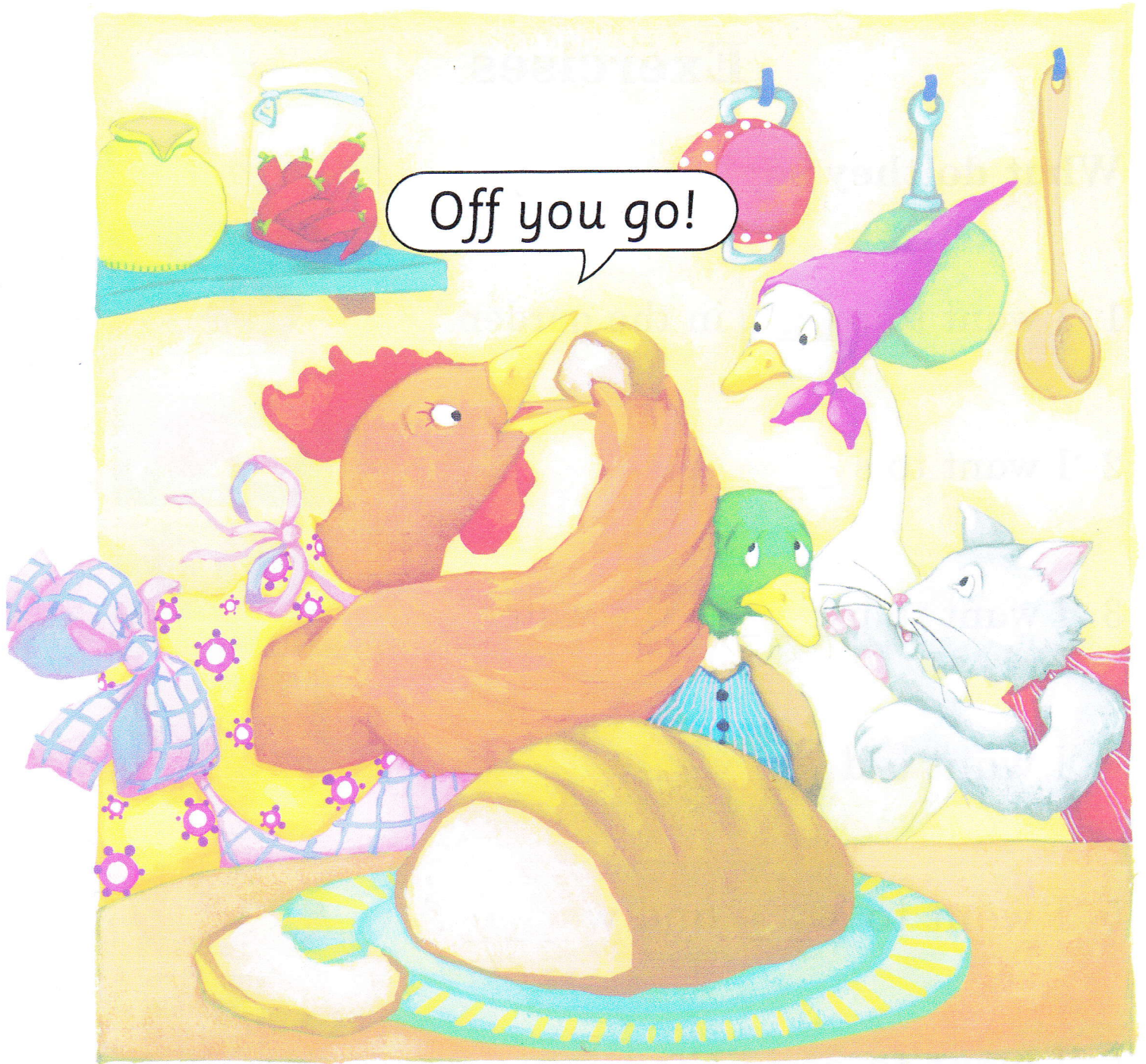
'I want to sit and wash.'



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

'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.

# Exercises

What do they say?

1 'I want to play 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          .'



2 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?

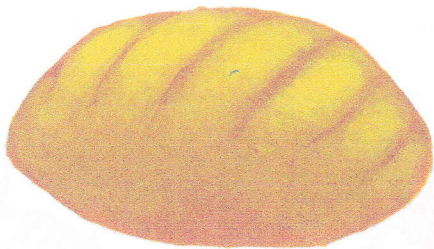
yes  no

8 Does Goose want to help?

yes  no

# Glossary

bread



flour



cat



garden



cut



goose



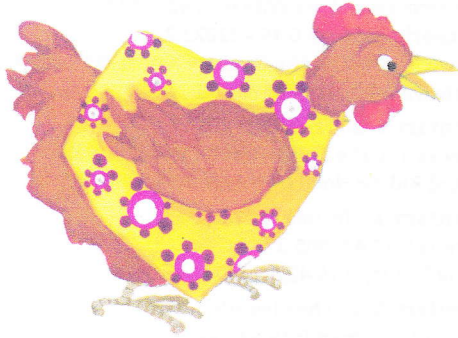
duck



grind



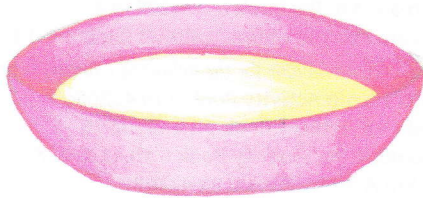
hen



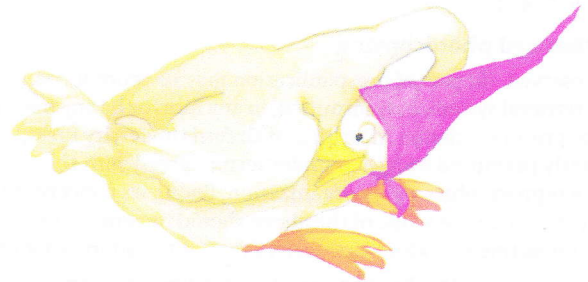
think



milk



wash



plant



water



seeds



wheat





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