

Understanding the text

Choose the correct ending.

- 1 At the beginning of the story it was:
a spring. b summer. c winter.
- 2 The last egg to hatch was:
a the same as the others. b smaller than the others.
c bigger than the others.
- 3 The mother duck wanted to teach her ducklings:
a to swim. b to peck. c to fly.
- 4 The ugly duckling wanted to swim with:
a the farmer. b the swans. c the hens.
- 5 His reflection showed him he was:
a ugly. b fluffy. c beautiful.

Looking at language

- 6 Find the words in the passage that mean the same, or nearly the same, as each of these.
a at last b lots going on c unhappy
- 7 Find the opposite in the passage of each of these words.
a short b beautiful c worse d clumsily e colder f froze
- 8 The ugly duckling 'couldn't believe his eyes'. Explain what this means.

Exploring settings

- 9 This part of the story is set in three different places. What are the three settings?
- 10 Find adjectives in the passage which describe:
a the river. b the ducklings. c the swans.
- 11 How was the river different to the farmyard?
- 12 What was the wind like in:
a summer? b winter?
- 13 Why do you think the ugly duckling hid in the 'tall grasses'?

Taking it further

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- 14 How do you think the ugly duckling felt when:
a he was in the farmyard? b he looked at his reflection?

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