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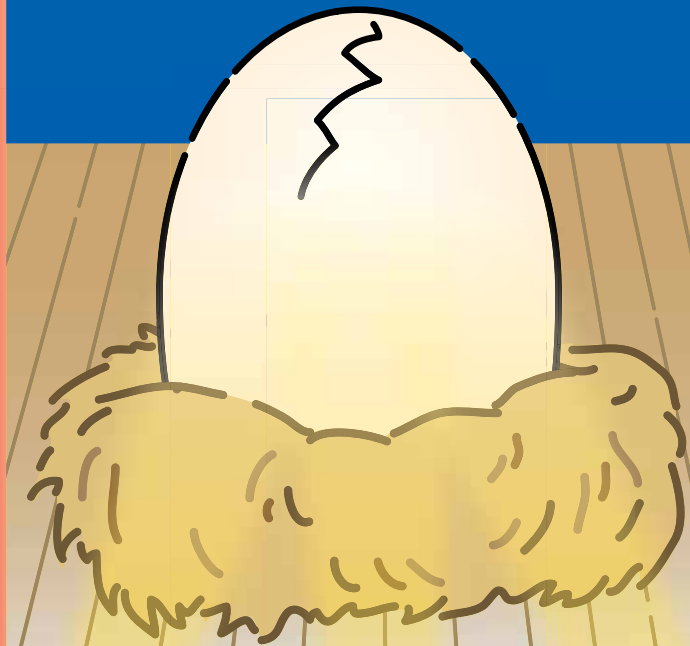
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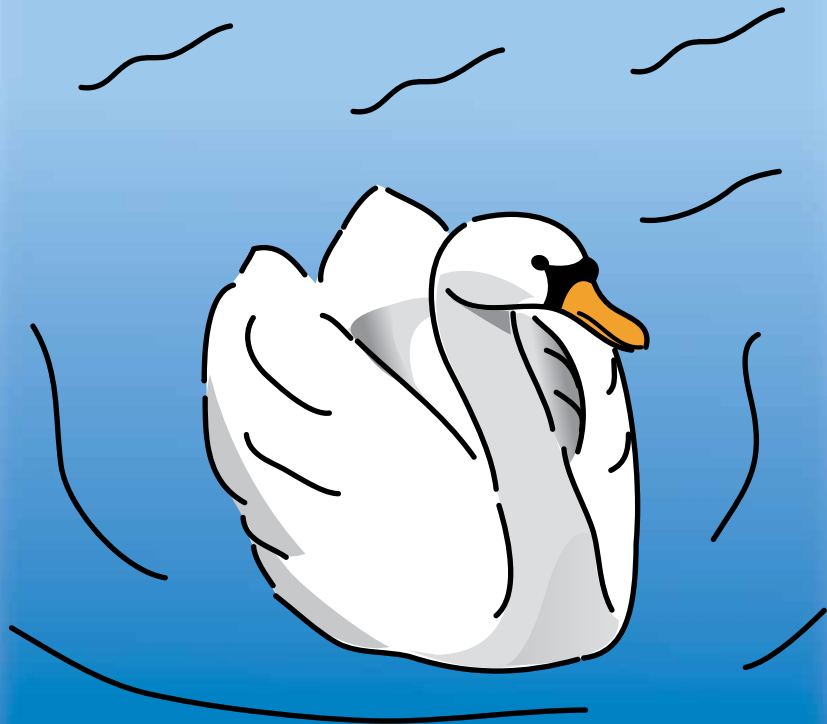


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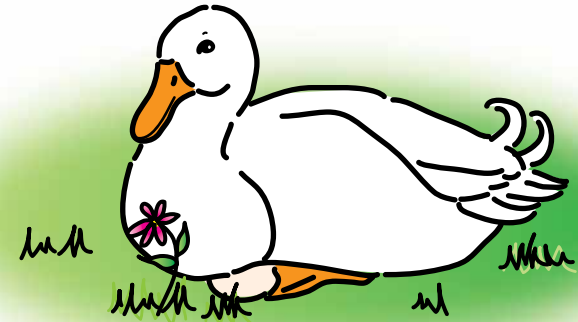
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Group 3: Finally he would have a family!

ALL: “Hello, Hello, Hello to you.
I do look the way you do.
I’m happy that my neck is long,
And I’m glad my wings are strong.
All one happy family,
Beautiful swans are we!”

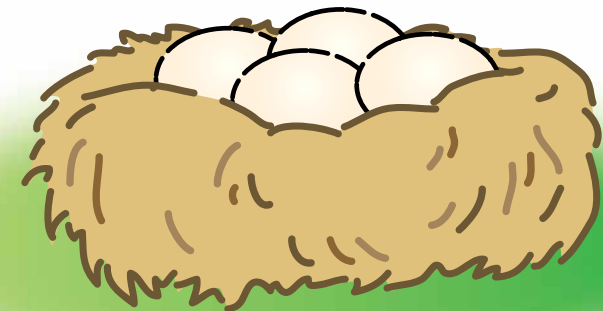


The Ugly Duckling



Group 1: One spring a mother duck made her nest on the bank of a pond.

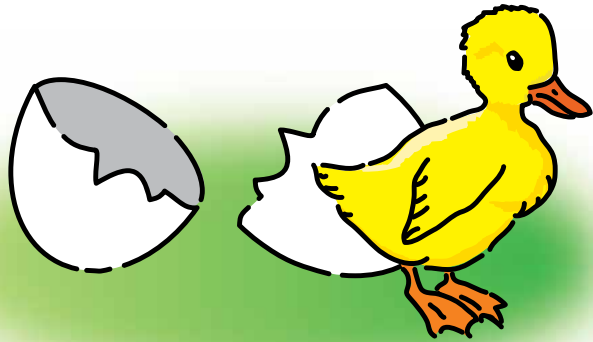
Group 2: She laid her eggs and sat on her nest waiting for them to hatch.



Group 3: All of a sudden, the mother duck saw that one of the eggs was cracking.

Boys: “Peep, Peep,” said the little duckling as he looked into her eyes.
“Here I am! Your little prize!”

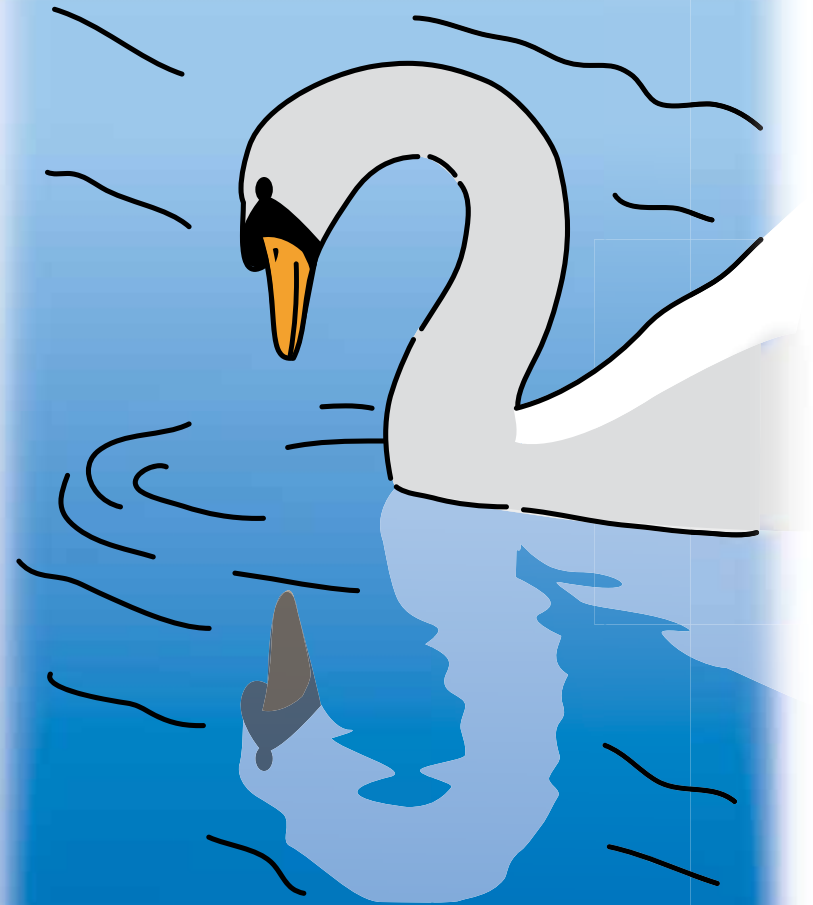
Girls: “Quack, Quack,” Mama said as she gave him a hug.
“I love you, Baby.
You’re as cute as a bug!”

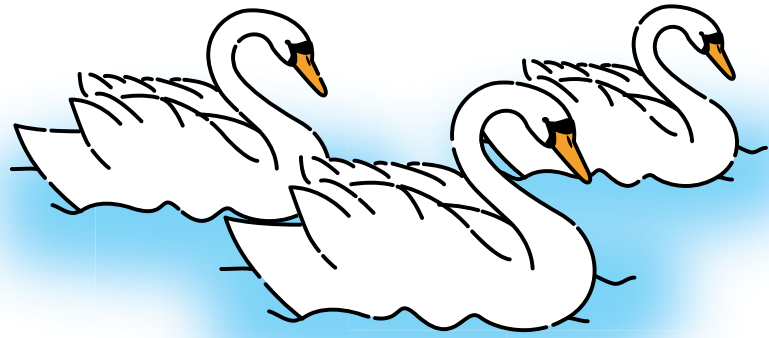


Group 3: The ugly duckling looked into the still pond.

Group 1: It was true. He had changed during the long winter.

Group 2: He did look beautiful!





Group 3: The ugly duckling swam slowly over to the beautiful birds.

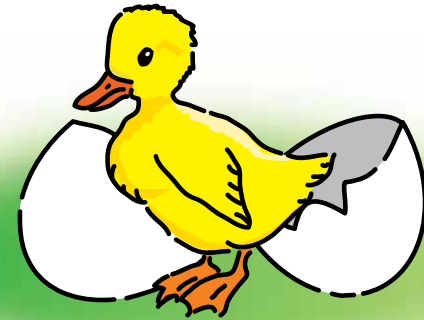
Group 1: He was afraid that the birds would call him ugly and make fun of him, too!

Group 2: But the birds did not make fun of him. They looked at him and said,

ALL: “Hello, Hello, Hello to you.
We see you look the way we do.
Your neck is long,
And your wings are strong.
Come and join our family.
Beautiful swans are we!”

Group 1: The second egg cracked open, and another baby came out of her shell.

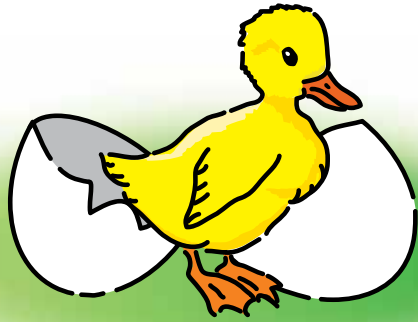
Boys: “Peep, Peep,” said the little duckling as she looked into her eyes.
“Here I am! Your little prize!”



Girls: “Quack, Quack,” Mama said as she gave her a hug.
“I love you, Baby.
You’re as cute as a bug!”

Group 2: The third little egg cracked open, too! Another baby began to talk.

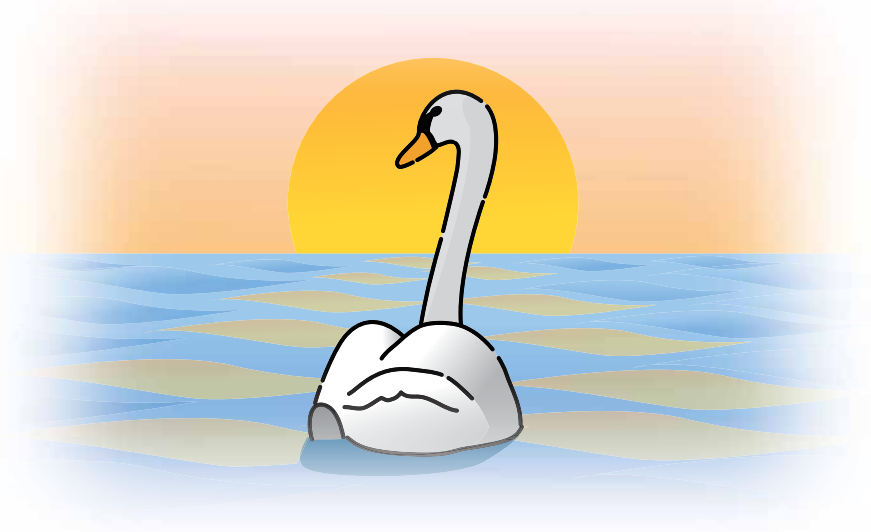
Boys: “Peep, Peep,” said the little duckling as he looked into her eyes.
“Here I am! Your little prize!”



Girls: “Quack, Quack,” Mama said as she gave him a hug.
“I love you, Baby.
You’re as cute as a bug!”

Group 3: Mother Duck had just one egg left! It was much bigger than the other three.

Group 3: But he knew that one day the sun would shine and warm the water.



Group 1: Finally that day came. The sun was warm and strong. It gave the ugly duckling hope.

Group 2: On that day beautiful white birds with long necks landed on the pond.

Group 1: At last he found a quiet pond where he could be alone. He never wanted to hear the word “ugly” again.

Group 2: The ugly duckling swam and dove in the water. Although he was alone, he felt free and happy.

Group 3: Soon the days got shorter and shorter.

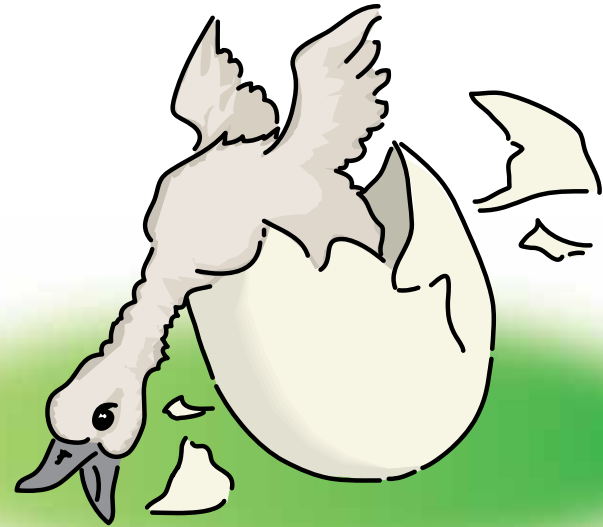
Group 1: The water got colder, too.

Group 2: There were many days when the ugly duckling was very hungry and so very cold.

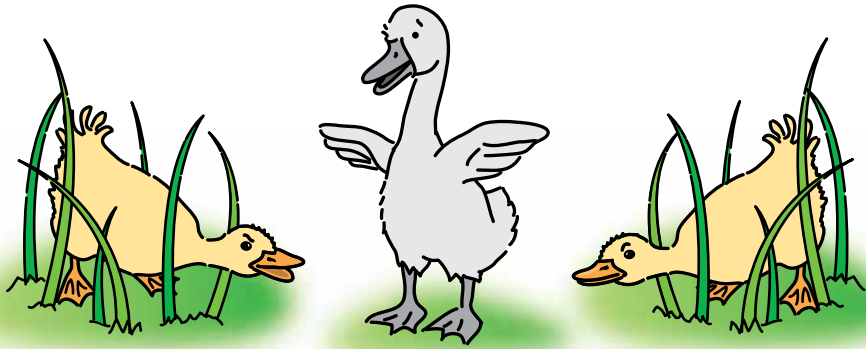


Group 1: At last the shell started to crack.

Group 2: The three little ducklings looked on as they heard a great big “Peep, Peep, Peep!”



Group 3: The baby ducklings looked at their new baby brother and said,



ALL: “You don’t look the way we do. We don’t want to be with you. You’re so ugly, go away! Don’t come back another day!”

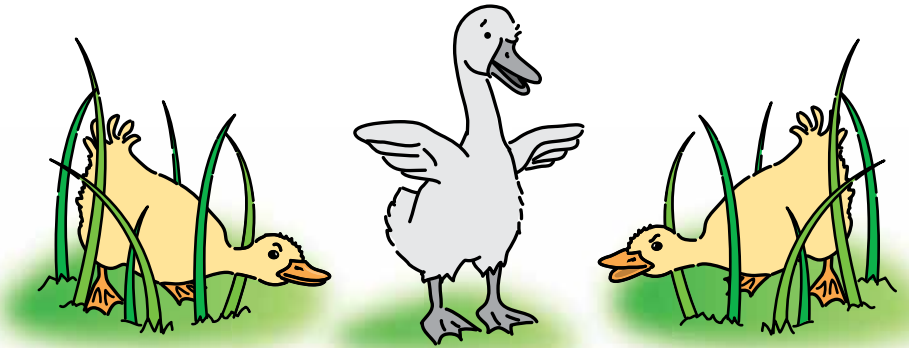
Group 1: The ugly duckling looked sadly into his mama’s eyes. Mama looked at him kindly and put her wing around him.

Group 2: “Come, my babies,” she said. “We’re going for a swim.”

Group 3: So off to the pond they went.

Group 1: Every day the other animals made fun of the ugly duckling.

Group 2: Every day the ugly duckling’s brothers and sister made fun of him, too!



ALL: “You don’t look the way we do. We don’t want to be with you. You’re so ugly, go away! Don’t come back another day!”

Group 3: One sad day the ugly duckling just ran away. He walked a long, long way.