

The Little Red Hen

Once upon a time, there was a little red hen  who lived on a farm . She was friends with a lazy dog , a sleepy cat , and a noisy yellow duck .

One day the little red hen  found some seeds  on the ground. The little red hen  had an idea. She would plant the seeds .

The little red hen  asked her friends, "Who will help me plant the seeds ?"

"Not I," barked the lazy dog .

"Not I," purred the sleepy cat .

"Not I," quacked the noisy yellow duck .

"Then I will," said the little red hen . So the little red hen  planted the seeds  all by herself.

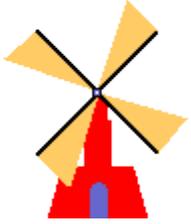
When the seeds  had grown, the little red hen  asked her friends, "Who will help me cut the wheat ?"

"Not I," barked the lazy dog .

"Not I," purred the sleepy cat .

"Not I," quacked the noisy yellow duck .

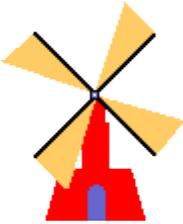
"Then I will," said the little red hen . So the little red hen  cut the wheat  all by herself.

When all the wheat  was cut, the little red hen  asked her friends, "Who will help me take the wheat  to the mill  to be ground into flour ?"

"Not I," barked the lazy dog .

"Not I," purred the sleepy cat .

"Not I," quacked the noisy yellow duck .

"Then I will," said the little red hen . So the little red hen  brought the wheat  to the mill  all by herself, ground the wheat  into flour , and carried the heavy sack  of flour  back to the farm .

The tired little red hen  asked her friends, "Who will help me bake  the bread ?"

"Not I," barked the lazy dog .

"Not I," purred the sleepy cat .

"Not I," quacked the noisy yellow duck .

"Then I will," said the little red hen . So the little red hen  baked  the bread  all by herself.

When the bread  was finished, the tired little red hen  asked her friends, "Who will help me eat  the bread ?"

"I will," barked the lazy dog .

"I will," purred the sleepy cat .

"I will," quacked the noisy yellow duck .

"No!" said the little red hen . "I will." And the little red hen  ate  the bread  all by herself.
