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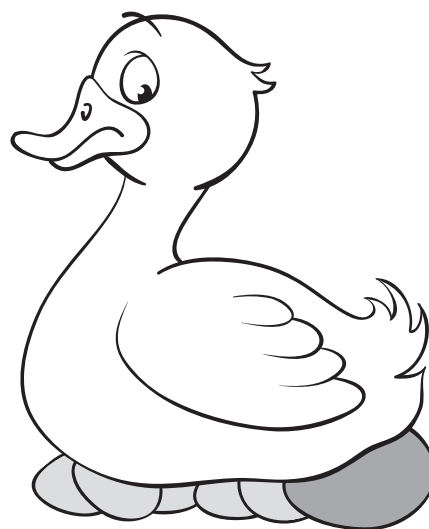
 This story is from *The Ugly Duckling*, retold by Susanna Davidson.

# The Ugly Duckling

“I have six eggs,” said Mother Duck.  
Five eggs were smooth and small and white.  
But the sixth egg was huge.

All spring, the mother duck sat on her eggs,  
waiting for them to hatch.

She waited ...  
and waited ...  
and waited ...



1 How many eggs did Mother Duck have?

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2 What were most of the eggs like? Write **two** things.

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3 How was one of the eggs different?

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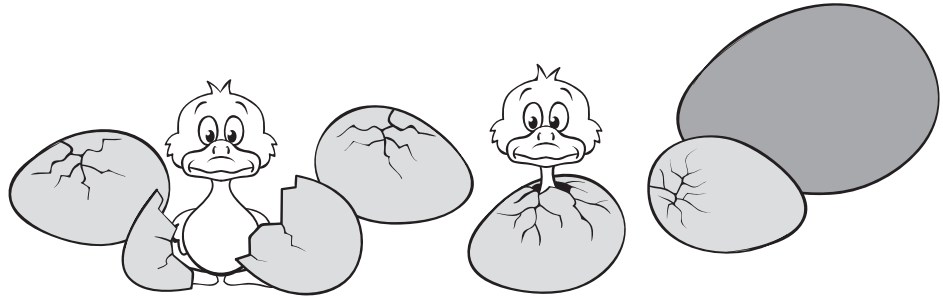
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Until at last ... one of the eggs went tap, tap, tap!

“Hurry!” Mother Duck called to the other ducks. “Come and see!  
My eggs are hatching!”

One egg shell after another burst open. “Come out! Come out!”  
called Mother Duck ... and the ducklings came tumbling out.



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Mother Duck was excited when her eggs started to hatch.  
How do you know?

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the ducklings came **tumbling** out

Which of these is another word for *tumbling*? Tick **one**.

crawling ☐

falling ☐

walking ☐

running ☐



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They looked all around, at the tall grasses and the green leaves.

“Is everyone here?” asked Mother Duck.

But the big egg still hadn’t hatched.

“Looks like a turkey egg to me,” said an old duck. “I think you should leave it!”

“I’ll just wait a little bit longer,” said Mother Duck.

And at last, the great egg burst open. “Cheep! Cheep!” said the duckling, looking out.

Mother Duck gasped. The old duck spluttered. The duckling was very large and very ugly.



“It is a turkey chick,” said the old duck. “Take it swimming. Then you’ll see.”

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a) Which egg was the last to hatch?

AF2

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b) What kind of egg did the old duck think it was?

AF2

1 mark

7

Why did Mother Duck *gasp* when the last egg hatched?

Tick **one**.

because it had taken so long to hatch

☐

because it looked just like a turkey egg

☐

because the duckling was very ugly

☐

because the old duck spluttered

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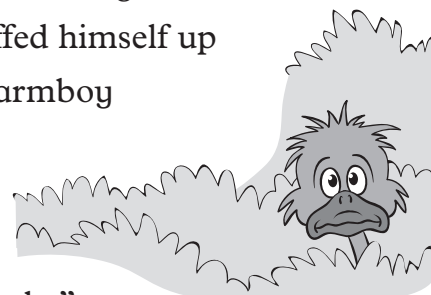
So Mother Duck took her ducklings down to the pond. One by one, they all jumped in. The dark water closed over their heads. The next moment, they all popped up again.

“You can swim! You’re not a turkey chick,” said Mother Duck. “You’re just a very ugly duckling”

Mother Duck took her ducklings to the farmyard. The geese laughed at the Ugly Duckling and the hens pecked at it. The turkey puffed himself up until he was red in the face. Then he gobbled at it. The farmboy shooed the Ugly Duckling away.

He flew over the fence ... and into a bush.

“Nobody wants me,” said the Ugly Duckling. “I’m too ugly.”



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How did Mother Duck know that the Ugly Duckling was not a turkey chick?

1 mark AF3

9

Draw lines to match **Who** with **What they did** to the Ugly Duckling. One has been done for you.

**Who****What they did**

The geese

pecked at it

The hens

gobbled at it

The turkey

shooed it

The farmboy

laughed at it

1 mark AF2

10

What did the Ugly Duckling do at the end of the story?  
Tick **one**.

jumped into the water ☐

flew out of the farmyard ☐

shooed the geese away ☐

hid behind a fence ☐

1 mark AF2

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**These questions are about the whole story.**

- 11 How do you think the Ugly Duckling felt at the end of the story? Why did he feel this way?

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AF3  
2 marks

- 12 Tick the sentence that **best** explains what the story is about. Tick **one**.

The mother duck was fed up of waiting for the big duckling to hatch out of his egg. ☐

The big duckling thought that nobody wanted him because he couldn't swim. ☐

The ducks thought the big duckling was ugly because he was different from them. ☐

AF6  
1 mark

- 13 What kind of text is this? Tick **one**.

a true story ☐

a fairy tale ☐

a person's diary ☐

an information text ☐

AF7  
1 mark

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