

STORY INGREDIENTS

1. Read and listen to the following texts:

FARMER JOHN AND THE ANIMALS (1)

The alarm-clock sounded. John got up. John was a farmer. The farm was in Scotland. He had a wash, then he put his clothes on. He went downstairs. In the kitchen, there were animals sitting around the table. They were eating his food. He was surprised. He asked the animals what they were doing. A chicken replied that they were now the owners of the farm. John left, in a hurry.



FARMER JOHN AND THE ANIMALS (2)

Not so long ago, in the wild north of Scotland, there was a farmer called John. He was very lazy and cruel. The animals did all the work on the farm, but John treated them very badly. He gave them very little to eat, and he never cleaned their sheds.

One day, in the cold cold winter, John awoke very early, to the sound of his old alarm clock. Outside it was still dark, and the rain was hammering on the roof of the farmhouse. He walked slowly to the bathroom, washed his face to help him wake up, put on his farming clothes, and walked downstairs. His wife had died many years ago, and he lived all alone. As he approached the kitchen, he heard an incredibly loud noise, as if a thousand people were speaking at once! And yet the speech did not seem human. When he walked into the kitchen, his eyes almost fell from his old ugly head. The cows were drinking his milk, the chickens and hens were sitting at his breakfast table, and the pigs were taking food out of his old fridge.

'What are you doing?' he shouted. 'This is my house! Get out at once! Leave my food alone!'

One of the chickens, who was very thin and had scarcely any feathers or skin on his body, replied very calmly:

'No farmer John! It is you who must leave. We animals have taken enough cruelty from you.'

'Ha!' laughed Farmer John. 'It's just one chicken! The rest of you are too afraid of me to speak!'

When he said this, all the animals began to make an incredible noise, and they advanced on the farmer with threatening intent. The farmer turned on his heels and ran through the back door of the kitchen, into the fields and the rain, screaming 'help help!' He was never seen again.

The animals lived happily ever after, and they looked after the farm wonderfully for many years.

2. What does “Farmer John and the Animals 2” have that makes it a better story? Complete the list and add examples:

Farmer John 2 has...

A SETTING WHICH IS DESCRIBED.	EXAMPLE: <i>in the wild north of Scotland</i>
A SENSE OF TIME	EXAMPLE:
A STORY SITUATION:	EXAMPLE:
DESCRIPTION OF A CHARACTER:	EXAMPLE:
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