17th INTERNATIONAL KANGAROO LINGUISTIC CONTEST 2020

PreEcolier Level (Class 1 & 2)

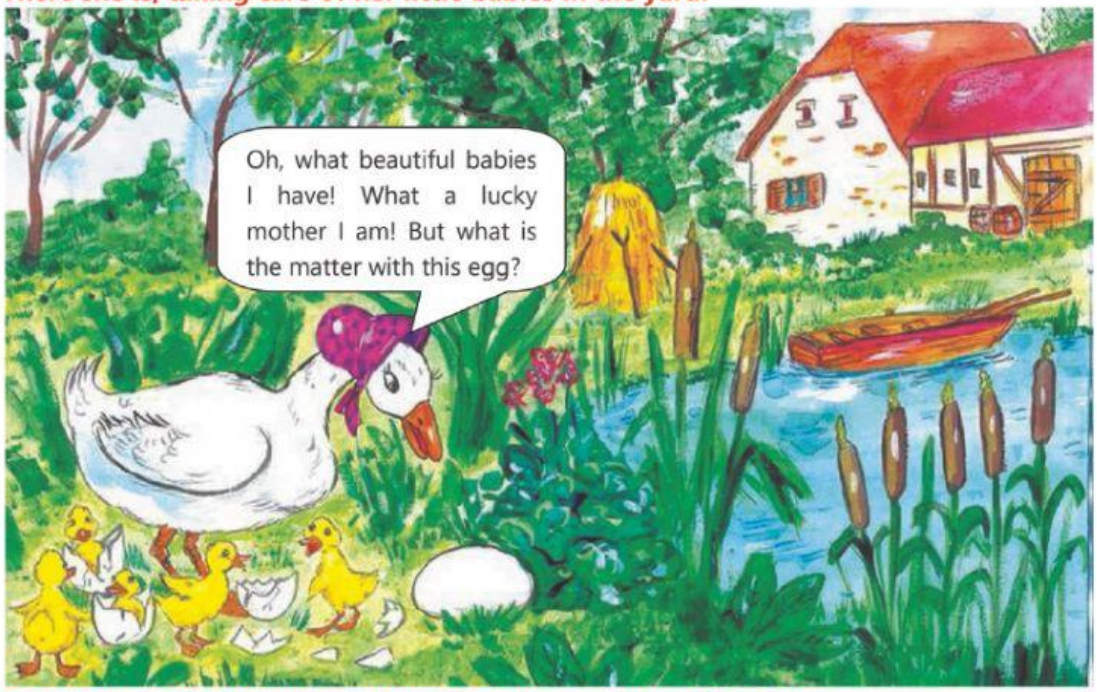
Time Allowed: 60 minutes

3 – Point Questions

THE UGLY DUCKLING

Adapted after Hans Christian Andersen

It is such a beautiful June day in the countryside! Mother Duck lives on a farm. There she is, taking care of her little babies in the yard.



This egg is bigger than the others and shows no sign of cracking.

1. What season is it in the story?

A) spring **B)** summer **C)** autumn
D) winter **E)** July

2. What is a duckling?

A) a young goose **B)** a young duck **C)** an old hen
D) an old duck **E)** a young hen

3. Look at the picture! How many ducklings are there?

A) three **B)** four **C)** five
D) six **E)** two

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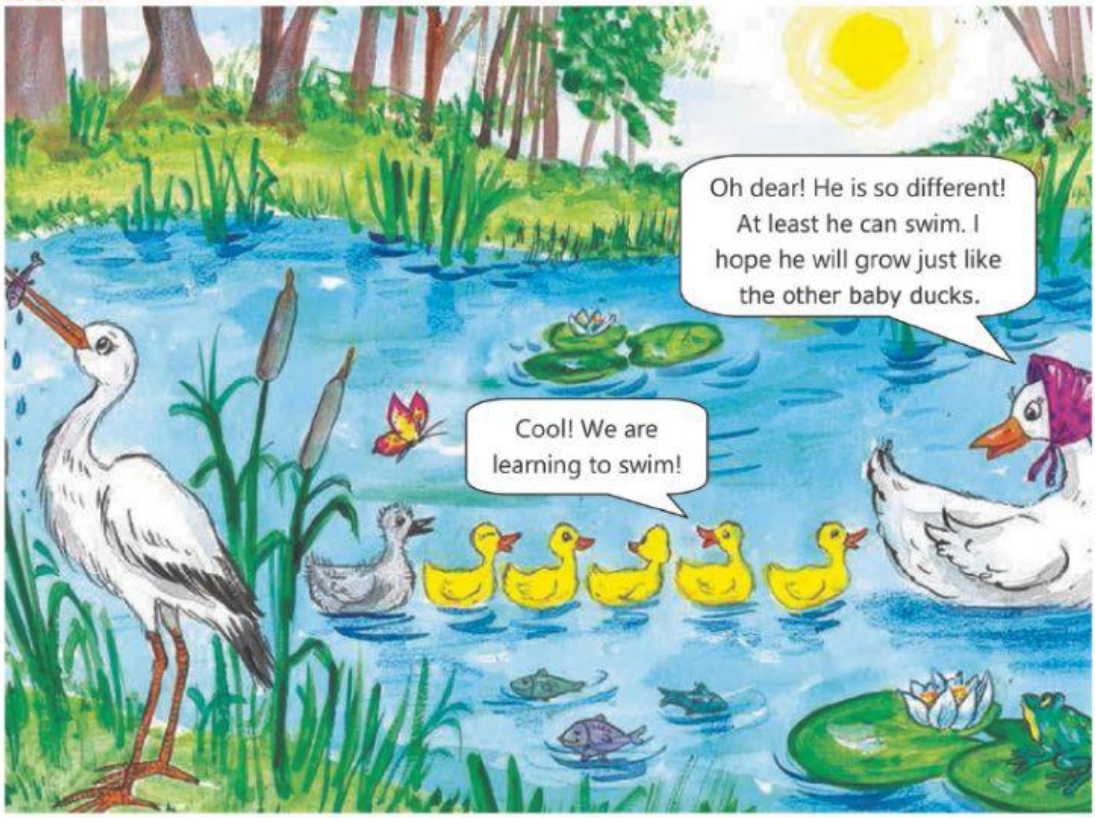
At last the big egg cracks. This new baby is so big, and grey, and strange, and ugly! One day, Mother Duck takes her babies to the pond. She wants to teach them how to swim.



4. The last baby duck is ..... .

A) beautiful and funny **B)** quite big and beautiful **C)** big and yellow
D) strange and yellow **E)** big and ugly

5. How does Mother Duck feel about this baby?

A) She's surprised. **B)** She's amused. **C)** She's scared.
D) She's very happy. **E)** She's very angry.

6. Look at the picture and find the odd one out!

A) stork **B)** fish **C)** turtle
D) duck **E)** butterfly

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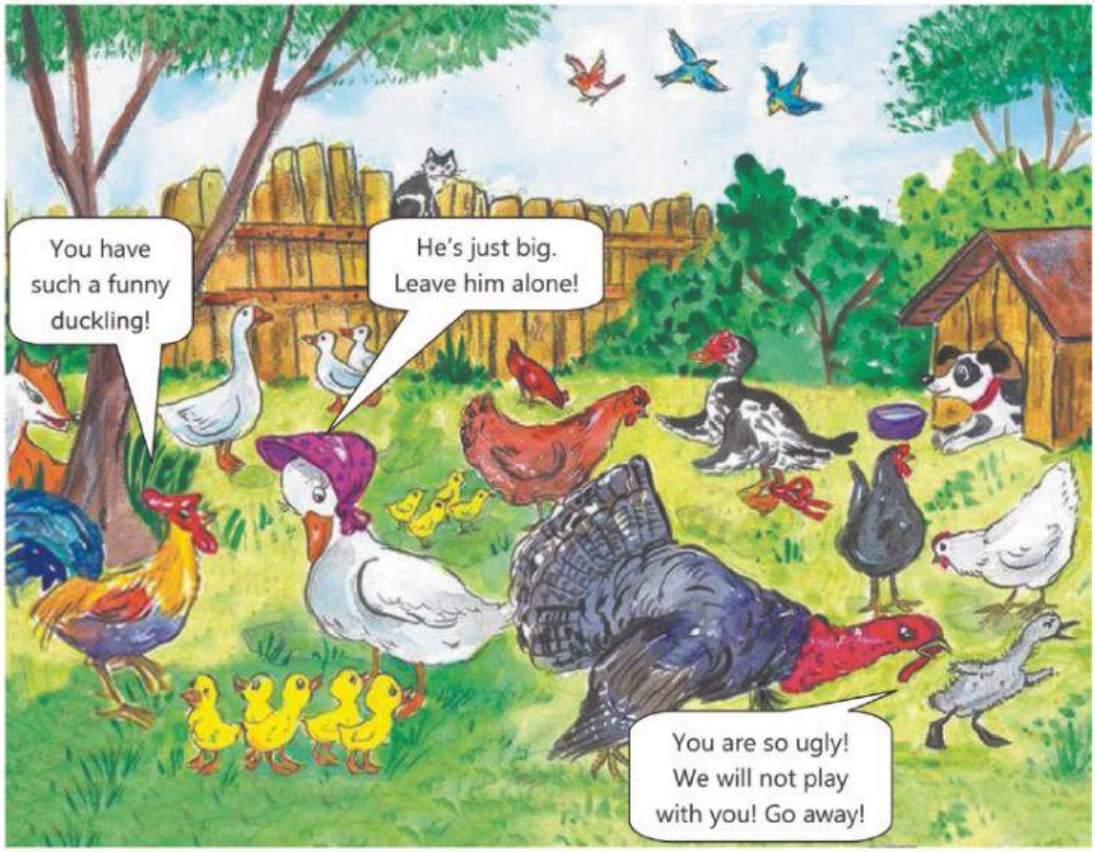
The days go by and the ugly duckling doesn't change at all. His brothers and sisters and all the other animals on the farm make fun of him. They don't even want to play with him.



So the ugly duckling gets really sad.

7. Who thinks the ugly duckling is funny?

A) the rooster **B)** the turkey **C)** the goose
D) the hen **E)** the dog

8. Why is the ugly duckling sad?

A) He has nothing to eat. **B)** He can't find his mother.
C) Nobody likes him. **D)** He doesn't want to play with his friends.
E) He doesn't have enough brothers.

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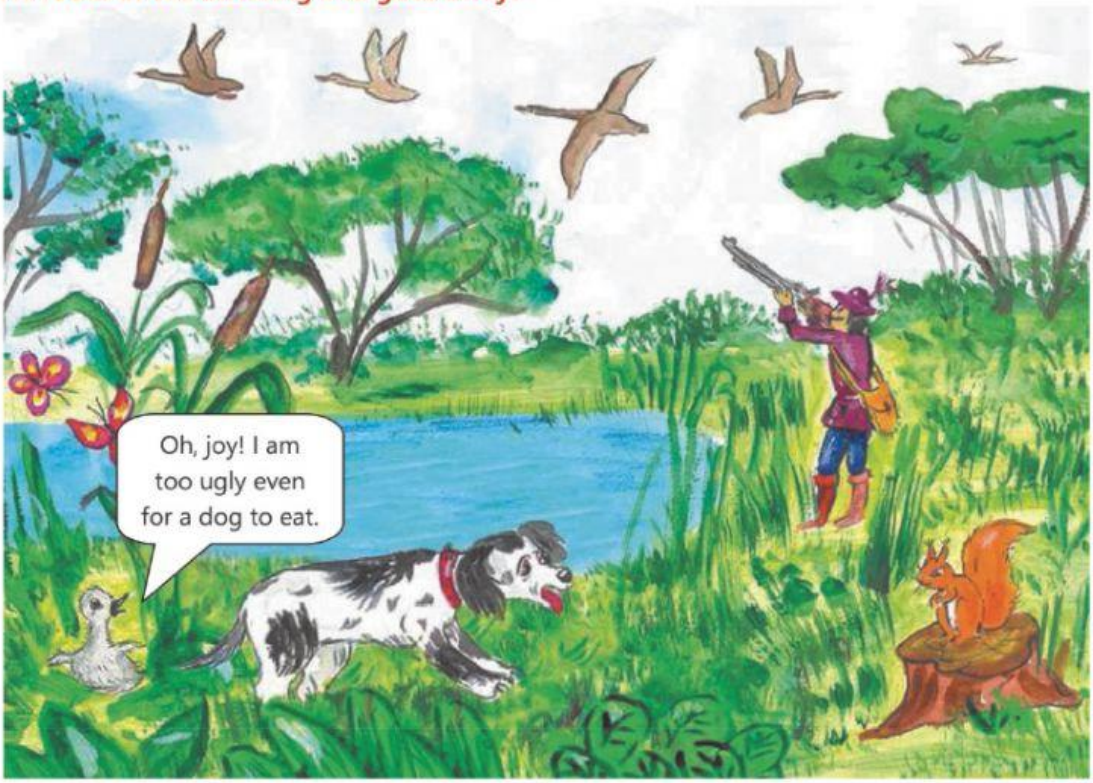
The next day, at sunrise, the ugly duckling decides to leave and make some friends. He runs and runs until he gets to a great marsh* where wild ducks live. Bing! Bang! Shots ring out in the air. He gets scared and hides in the grass. A big dog passes by. He looks at the duckling and goes away.



9. The ugly duckling runs away because he wants to find ..... .

A) his mother **B)** some food **C)** his brothers
D) some friends **E)** a warmer place

10. The ugly duckling is scared by ..... .

A) some wild ducks **B)** some farmers **C)** some butterflies
D) some big animal **E)** some gun shots

11. Who's the man in the picture?

A) a soldier **B)** a painter **C)** a photographer
D) a hunter **E)** a farmer

* the ground near a lake

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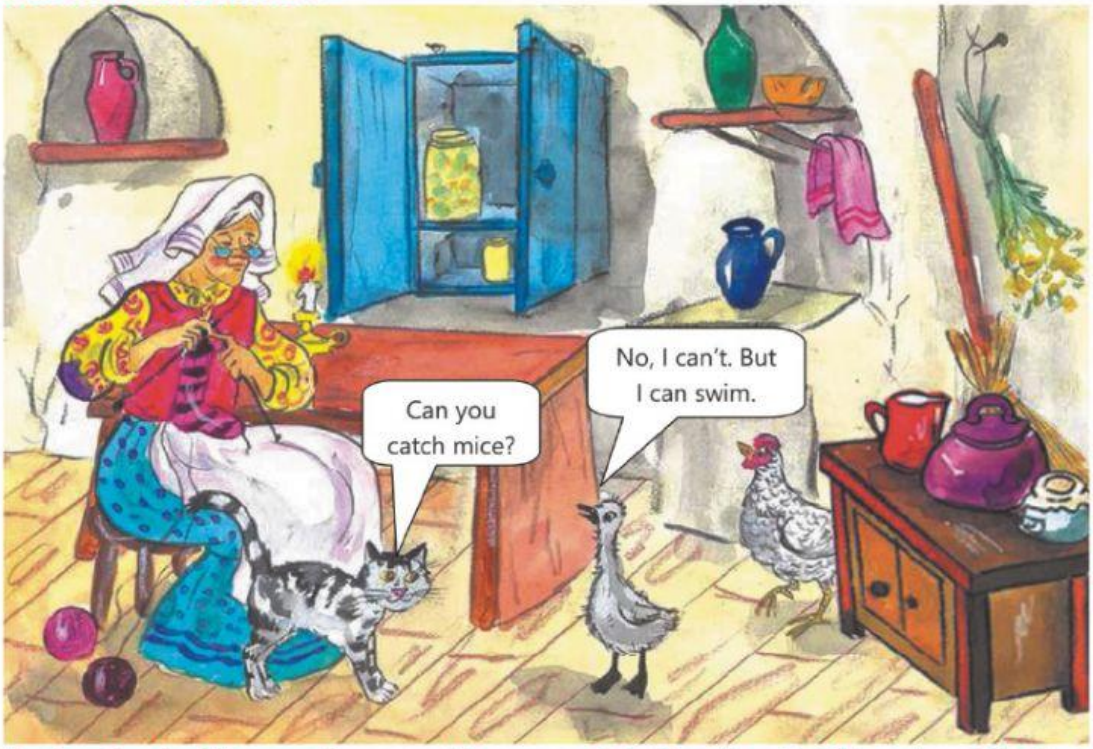
The poor ugly duckling runs away again. He keeps walking in the forest all alone. He is cold and hungry. Suddenly he sees a little house. An old woman lives there, with her cat and her hen.



Hoping the duckling can lay eggs, the woman lets him stay. But the cat and the hen begin to treat him badly.

12. The old woman allows the duckling to live with them. Why?

A) Because she feels sorry for him.
B) Because she hopes he can lay eggs.
C) Because she wants a friend for her cat and dog.
D) Because she feels lonely.
E) Because she wants to sell him.

13. The ugly duckling can't ..... but he can ..... .

A) swim/ fly **B)** catch mice/ bark **C)** swim/ catch mice
D) catch mice/ swim **E)** swim/lay eggs

14. In the picture above, you can see a broom ..... a cupboard.

A) behind **B)** in **C)** opposite
D) under **E)** in front of

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One night he finds the door open and decides to leave. Once again, he's all alone.

15. What does "graceful" mean?

A) fat **B)** ugly **C)** elegant
D) thin **E)** intelligent

16. Duckling is to duck what ..... is to dog.

A) kitten **B)** puppy **C)** chicken
D) baby **E)** adult

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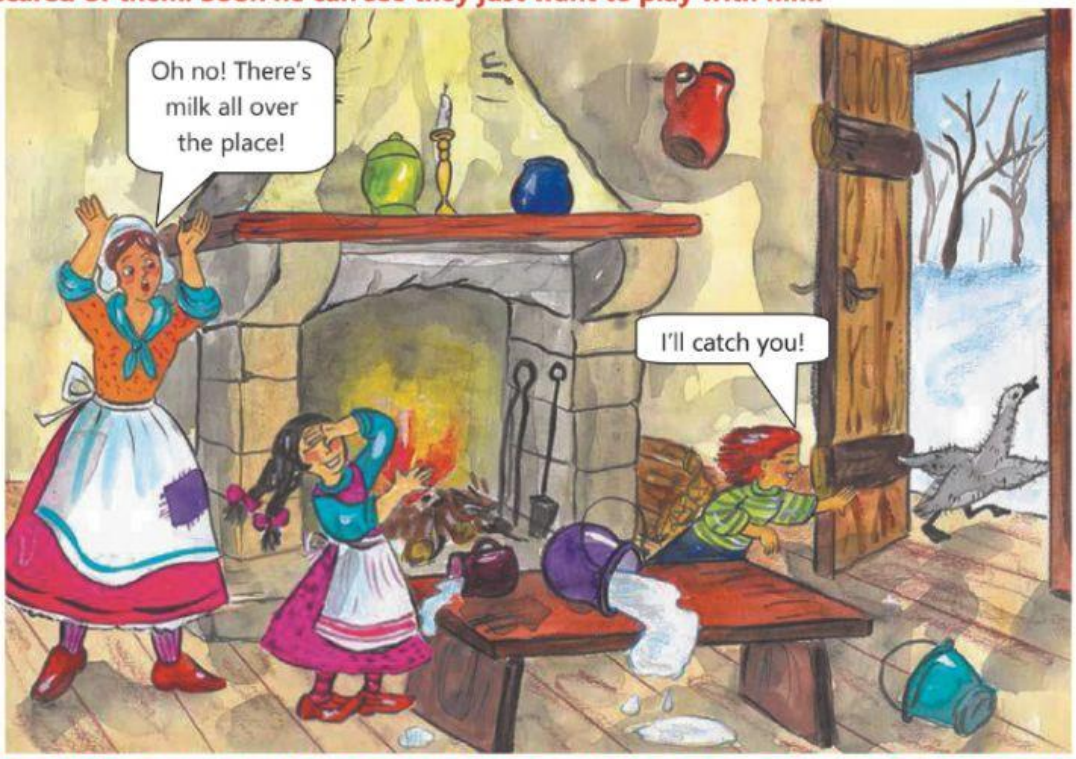
The farmer has two children: a boy and a girl. At first the ugly duckling feels very scared of them. Soon he can see they just want to play with him.



The children try to catch him, and they laugh and shout. The duckling gets really scared, and the farmer's wife gets very angry. Luckily the door is open, and the duckling runs out.

17. How does the ugly duckling feel at first?

A) He's happy. **B)** He's frightened. **C)** He's tired.
D) He's comfortable. **E)** He's sleepy

18. What's the boy doing in the picture?

A) He's chasing the ugly duckling. **B)** He's laughing at his sister.
C) He's running away from his mother. **D)** He's trying to hide.
E) He's drinking milk.

19. Why is the farmer's wife angry?

A) The room is a mess. **B)** They have nothing to eat.
C) The duckling lays no eggs. **D)** Her children are laughing.
E) The duckling is not beautiful.

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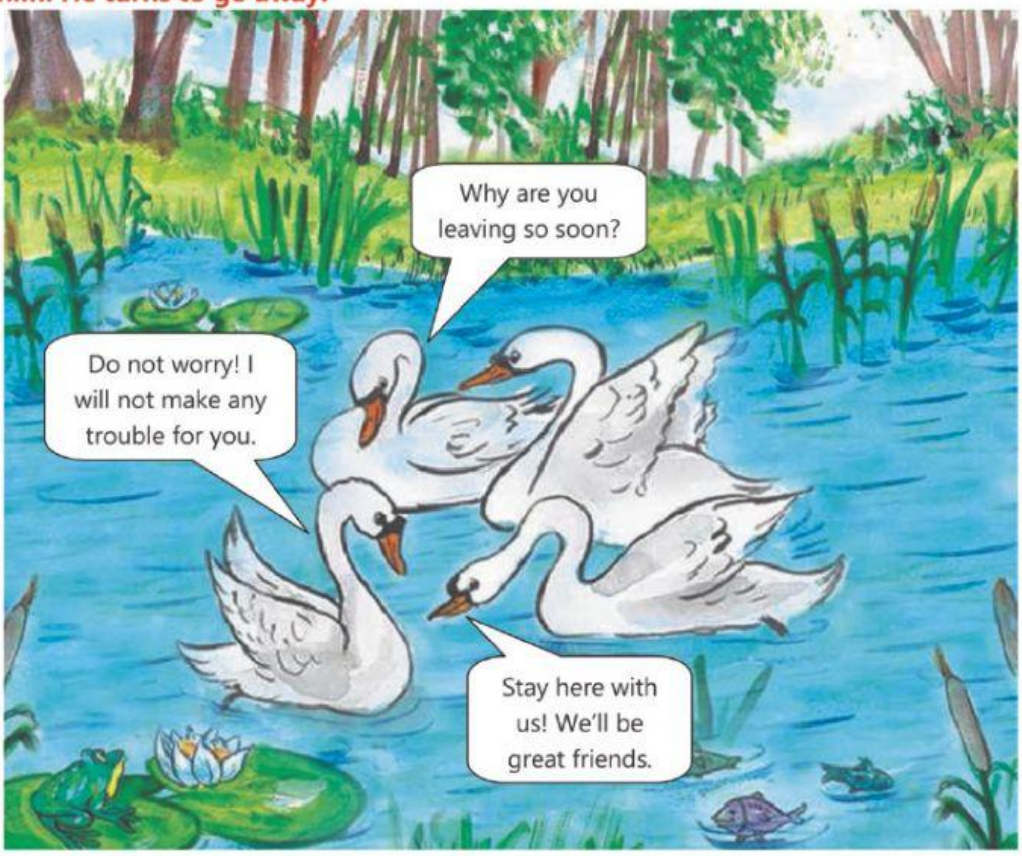
It's spring at last. The ugly duckling is happy to swim again. He is bigger and stronger now and he can fly. One day three lovely white swans come to join him. He turns to go away.



20. When the ugly duckling sees the swans he wants to ..... .

A) stay **B)** join them **C)** leave
D) swim with them **E)** give them some food

21. What is missing?

1. BIG BIG_____

2. LONG LONG_____

3. HAP_____ HAPPIER

4. NI_____ NICER

A) ER/ER/PY/CE **B)** GER/ ER/ PY/ CE **C)** ER/ ER/ PY/ C
D) GER/ ER/ PI/ CE **E)** GER/ ER/ PY/ C

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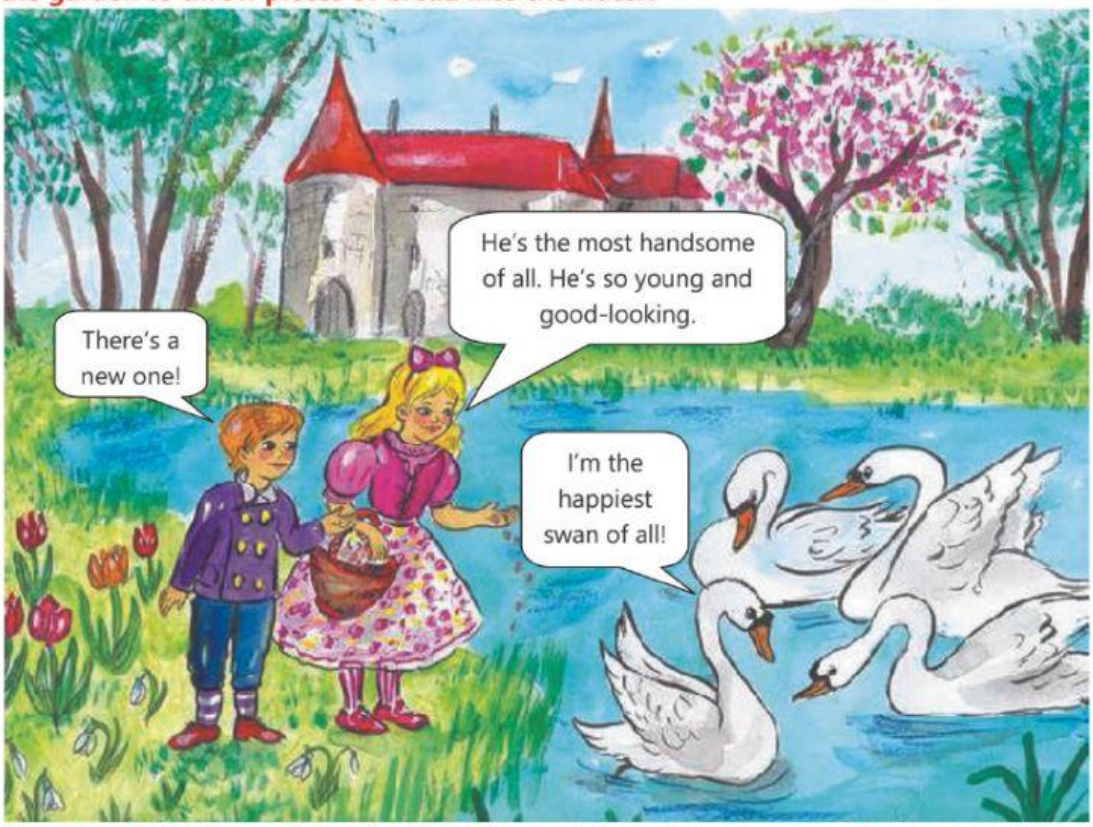
And the great swans start swimming all around him. Two little children come into the garden to throw pieces of bread into the water.



The ugly duckling realizes what is going on! He's no longer an ugly grey duckling! Now he is a beautiful white swan!

22. What are the children doing?

A) They're feeding the birds.
B) They're laughing at the swans.
C) They're trying to catch the birds.
D) They're swimming in the lake.
E) They're picking up flowers.

23. What do the children say about the new swan?

A) That he's handsome.
B) That he's the ugliest of all.
C) That he's very shy.
D) That he's old, but good-looking.
E) That he's the biggest of all.

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