

The Barnyard Café

As you read the passage, notice how the author uses made-up story events to share a message.

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Once there was a horse, a rooster, and a cow. They lived in a huge farmhouse with Farmer Ray. They were happy. One day, Farmer Ray was pushing his favorite wheelbarrow filled with fresh carrots. The wheelbarrow hit a rock and fell over onto the grass. As he turned the wheelbarrow over, it began to speak.

"I am a magic wheelbarrow," it said. "Make a wish and it will come true."

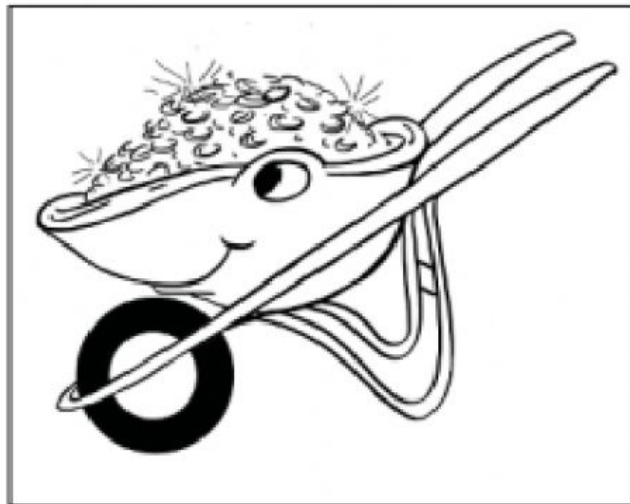
Farmer Ray said, "I have always wanted to live at the beach. I never have enough money to move there."

"Well," said the wheelbarrow as it filled up with gold coins, "now you can go live at the beach." So Farmer Ray wheeled his money back to the house.

"A magic wheelbarrow gave me enough money to live at the beach for one year. Come with me," said Farmer Ray. "We can walk in the sand. We can learn to surf."

The animals looked at Farmer Ray in disbelief. "The beach?" they shouted. "Farm animals don't live at the beach!"

Farmer Ray wanted to go. "I'm going. If you can pay the bills, you can stay here at the farmhouse."



The magic wheelbarrow filled with coins.

Horse, Rooster, and Cow went into the parlor to talk. This was a big decision. They decided to turn the parlor into a coffeehouse.

The animals said goodbye to Farmer Ray and got to work. Soon they opened the Barnyard Café. By the end of the month, the animals had enough money to pay all the bills and hire a cook. Their business grew quickly. A newspaper reporter even wrote a story about them. Meanwhile, Farmer Ray was tired of walking in the sand. The only surfing he was doing was on the Internet. One day, Farmer Ray read about three farm animals and their new café.

"I miss Horse, Rooster, and Cow," he said. "I am going home."

Farmer Ray couldn't believe how busy the café was. He started growing additional vegetables for the cook to use in his recipes.

One day, as Farmer Ray was pushing his wheelbarrow, it hit a rock and fell over. As he turned the wheelbarrow back over, it began to speak. "I am a magic wheelbarrow," it said. "Make a wish and it will come true."

Farmer Ray thought for a moment. "I'm with my friends. I am doing what I love. My wish has already come true."



Horse, Rooster, and Cow opened the Barnyard Café.

A. Use text evidence to answer the questions.

1. How do you know "The Barnyard Café" is a fairy tale?

I know it is a fairy tale because _____ and _____ can't happen in _____.

2. Which details in the text help you know what parlor means?

I read the animals went into _____. They used the parlor for _____. This tells me a parlor is _____.

3. Reread paragraph 3 on page E2. How do you know how Farmer Ray feels about Horse, Rooster, and Cow?

Farmer Ray says "_____". He feels _____.