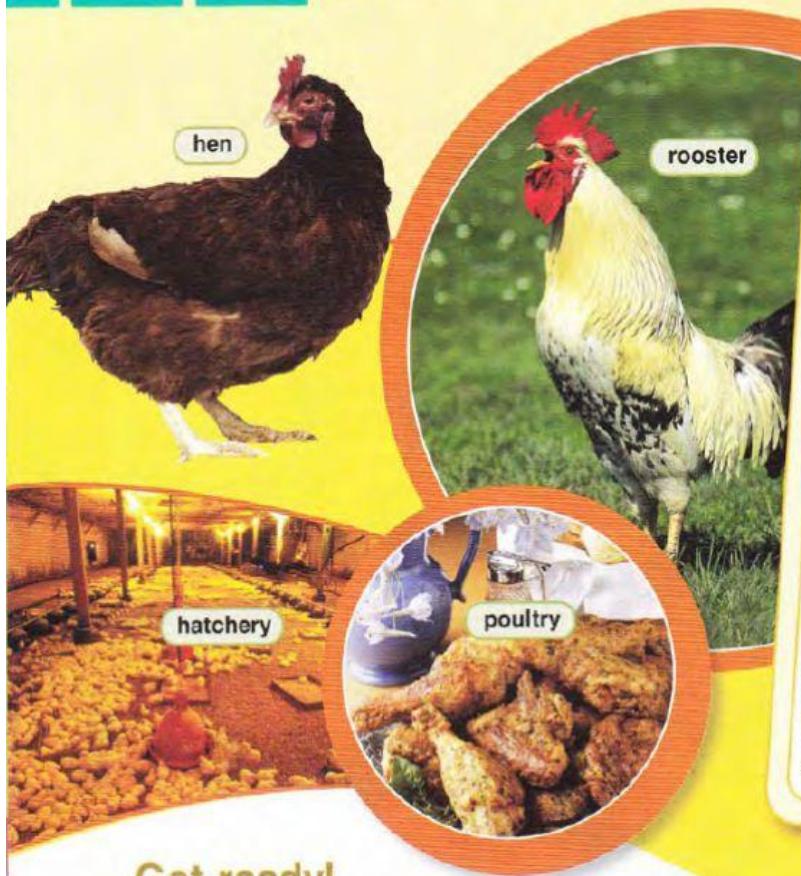


3 Poultry industry



Get ready!

1 Before you read the passage, talk about these questions.

- 1 What products come from the poultry industry?
- 2 How common is poultry in your country?

Reading

2 Read the page from a website. Then, choose the correct answers.

- 1 What is the purpose of the website?
A to describe a business
B to explain product prices
C to compare breeding methods
D to give advice on chicken farming
- 2 Which type of chicken produces eggs?
A pullets C layers
B roasters D roosters
- 3 Which service is NOT provided by the farm?
A consultation for nearby farms
B breeding of commercial chickens
C production of poultry products
D removal of farm litter



Vocabulary

3 Match the words (1-7) with the definitions (A-G).

| | | | |
|---|-----------|---|---------------------|
| 1 | — rooster | 5 | — chick |
| 2 | — layer | 6 | — hatchery |
| 3 | — hen | 7 | — intensive farming |
| 4 | — broiler | | |

A a baby chicken
B a female chicken that produces eggs
C a female chicken
D a male chicken
E a facility where eggs are hatched
F a medium-sized chicken sold for food
G a method for raising chicken indoors

8 Fill in the blanks with the correct words and phrases from the word bank.

Word BANK

free-range roasters primary breeder
poultry litter pullets

- 1 _____ chickens exercise more than confined chickens.
- 2 _____ is the waste produced in a coop.
- 3 Robert's Farm is the _____ for most local farms.
- 4 Chicken is a major _____ product.
- 5 _____ cost a lot because they are so big.
- 6 Those _____ will be layers soon.

9 Listen and read the page from a website again. Apart from breeding, what other services does Cluck Farms provide?

Listening

10 Listen to a conversation between a breeder and a farmer. Mark the following statements as true (T) or false (F).

- 1 T The farmer wants advice on raising free-range chickens.
- 2 T The breeder recommends two chicken breeds.
- 3 T The farmer will buy a dozen roosters.

11 Listen again and complete the conversation.

Farmer: Hi, I'd like to order some chicks.

Breeder: Is there a particular breed you're interested in?

Farmer: I'm 1 _____ . I have a small farm, and I'd like to raise a dozen or so chickens 2 _____ .

Breeder: Well, we have a few good 3 _____ . Meat or egg production?

Farmer: Could you 4 _____ ?

Breeder: Are the chickens going to be used for meat or egg production?

Farmer: 5 _____ . I want the hens to lay eggs for a few years. But I'll occasionally slaughter them for meat. Maybe one or two a year.

Breeder: In that case, I'd recommend Iowa Blue or Delaware. Both produce excellent eggs and grow into 6 _____ quickly.

Farmer: Did you say roosters or roasters?

Breeder: Roasters. Both breeds can grow rather large. They make good roaster chickens.

Farmer: Oh, I see. Well then, I'll take a half dozen chicks of each.

Speaking

8 With a partner, act out the roles below based on Task 7. Then, switch roles.

USE LANGUAGE SUCH AS:

Hi, I'd like to order some chicks.
Are the chickens for meat or egg production?
I'll take a half dozen.

Student A: You are a breeder.

Talk to Student B about:

- production
- types of chicks
- chick growth

Student B: You want to raise chickens. Talk to Student A about which type to buy.

Writing

9 Use the conversation from Task 8 to fill out the order.

Cluck Farms



Customer Name: _____

Chicks for: Meat / Egg

Breeds: _____

Number of Chicks: _____

