

NAME: _____

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Lucky lived on a farm in Tennessee. His friends called him Lucky because he was the unluckiest kid they knew. Nothing ever went his way, and, in the beginning, this day was no different. Lucky heard loud noises coming from the barn. If he hadn't heard those noises, he wouldn't have gone on the scariest adventure of his life.

Lucky got to the barn just in time to see a teenager riding away on his horse, Buck. Not only was the teenager stealing the horse, but he also had a chicken under his arm! Lucky quickly got on Gracie, one of the fastest horses on the farm. If the teenager had stolen Gracie, he would have gotten away. Fortunately, he stole Buck, who did not like to run very fast.

Gracie quickly caught up with Buck, and Lucky yelled, "Stop! That's my horse . . . and my chicken!" The teenager realized he would not escape on the horse, so he got down and threw the chicken toward Lucky. If the chicken hadn't scared Gracie, Lucky wouldn't have fallen off of

her. But, he did. Now the thief and Lucky were both on foot. The thief ran. Lucky chased him.

After a few minutes, Lucky caught the thief. That's when he noticed how big the thief was. And scary! If Lucky had known the thief was twice his size, he wouldn't have chased him. Lucky knew he was in danger. Then, out of nowhere,

the chicken leaped through the air and landed on the teenage thief's head. The chicken started flapping its wings and biting the thief. The thief got scared and ran into the woods.

Lucky was shocked. "Thanks, chicken," he said. "You saved my life. I guess today is my lucky day!" The local paper heard about the story and came to take pictures of Lucky and his hero chicken. If the chicken hadn't saved Lucky, it wouldn't have become a hero. Unfortunately, the thief got away.

Now, when Lucky feeds the chickens, he thinks about his adventure and wonders what happened to the chicken thief.

LUCKY'S LUCK

A chicken saved Lucky's life.



READING: A SHORT STORY

Complete the sentences.

1 What's the setting?

The setting of the story is a _____ in _____.

2 Who are the main characters?

The main characters are a kid called _____ and his _____, and a _____.

3 Who's the hero? Who's the villain?

The _____ is the hero and the _____ is the villain.

4 Which part of the story has suspense?

The part where Lucky _____ the thief and _____ him has suspense.

Number the events in the correct order.



The chicken scares Gracie, and Lucky falls.

Lucky is scared because the thief is big.

The thief gets away.

The thief throws the chicken.

Lucky runs after the thief and catches him.

The chicken attacks the thief and saves Lucky.

Lucky follows a teen riding away on a horse.

Lucky goes to the barn to find out what the sounds are.

The chicken becomes a hero.

Lucky's horse catches up to the thief.

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