The Ugly Duckling.



Once upon a time down on an old farm, lived a duck family, and Mother Duck had been sitting on a clutch of new eggs. One nice morning, the eggs hatched and out popped six chirpy ducklings.

But one egg was bigger than the rest, and it didn´t hatch. Before she had time to think about it, the last egg hatched.

A strange looking duckling with gray feathers that should have been yellow gazed at a worried mother. The ducklings grew quickly, but Mother Duck had a secret worry.

- "I can´t understand how this ugly duckling can be one of mine!" she said to herself

Well, the gray duckling certainly wasn´t pretty. As the days went by, the poor ugly duckling became more and more unhappy because his brothers didn´t want to play with him.

He felt sad and lonely. He secretly wept at night. He felt nobody wanted him.

-"Nobody loves me, they all tease me! Why am I different from my brothers?"

Then one day, at sunrise, he ran away from the farmyard. He stopped at a pond and began to question all the other birds.

-"Do you know of any ducklings with grey feathers like mine?"

But everyone shook their heads in scorn.

- "We don´t know anyone as ugly as you."

The ugly duckling did not lose heart, however, and kept on making inquiries.

He fled as far away as he could, and at dawn, he found himself in a thick bed of reeds.

-"If nobody wants me, I´ll hide here forever."

There was plenty a food, and the duckling began to feel a little happier, though he was lonely.

One day at sunrise, he saw on a pond a group of beautiful birds. White, with long slender necks, yellow beaks and large wings.

- "If only I could look like them, just for a day!" said the duckling, admiringly.

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Finally, he got the courage to fly to the pond, where the beautiful birds were swimming. That was when the duckling saw himself mirrored in the water.

- "Goodness! How I´ve changed! I hardly recognize myself!"

When the beautiful birds saw him, they realized he was one of their kind, and soon made friends.

-"We´re swans like you!" they said, warmly.

-"Where have you been hiding?"

-"It´s a long story," replied the young swan, still astounded.

Now, he swam majestically with his fellow swans.

One day, he heard children on the river bank exclaim: "Look at that young swan! He´s the finest of them all!" And he almost burst with happiness.

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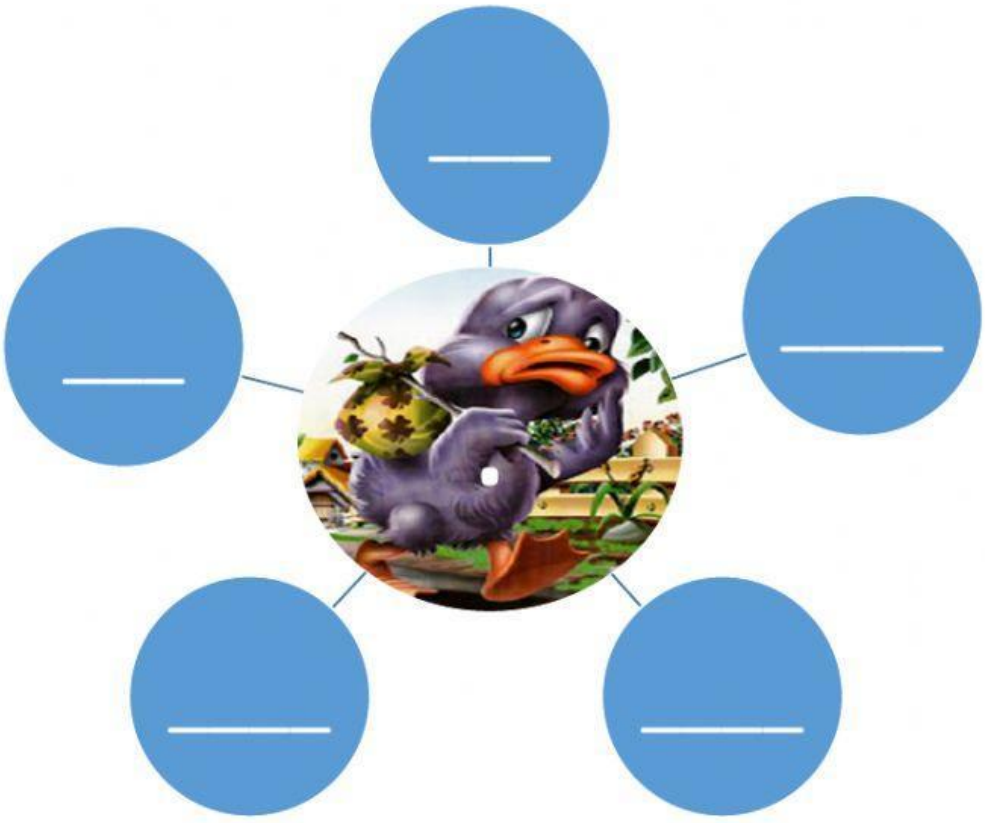
TASK 3

TOPIC: The Ugly Duckling Fairy Tale.

OBJECTIVE: Identify speaker's purpose and tone

Pre listening

Activity 1: Write five adjectives describing the duck.



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While listening

Task 2: Listen to the story find the mistake, underline it and write the correct word.

a. Mummy Duck had four little eggs and one big egg. _____

b. She thought the ugly duckling was normal. _____

c. His brothers and sisters wanted to play with him. _____

d. He was happy. _____

e. The pig, goat, cow and horse didn't want to play with him. _____

f. It started to get warm so he lived in an empty barn. _____

g. He went back to the river. _____

h. He was very hungry. _____

i. He was a beautiful, white duck. _____

j. He walked away with his new friend. _____

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Task 3: Listen to the story and put the sentences in order. What's the order? Compare your answers with those of other students.

____ He met another swan and they became friends forever.

___ In her nest, she had five little eggs and one big egg.

__Mummy Duck lived on a farm.

___He saw a beautiful white bird in the water.

__It started to snow, but then spring came.

__Then one big, ugly duckling came out the big egg.

___Five pretty, yellow baby ducklings came out the little eggs.

__ No one wanted to be his friend.

Activity 4: What do you think is the moral of the story? Circle the best answer. Tell why.

a. Be afraid of people who are different.

b. Choose your friends carefully.

c. How you look is not important.

Post listening

Activity 5: Listen again. Fill in the outline that gives the general structure of story.

Topic: _____

Number of speakers: _____

Sound effects: _____

Open line (used to get the listener's attention): _____

Problem: _____

Suggestions to solve the problem: _____

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