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LearnEnglish Kids

Birthday on the farm

Reading practice

Level 1

Do you like farm animals? Practise your reading in English with this story.



Preparation

Write the word under the pictures.

~~a farmer~~	a dog	a chicken	a cow
a barn	a sheep	a pig	a horse

			
	a farmer		
			

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Reading text

Read the story.

That's strange!

Mrs Brown's a farmer. Every day she gets up at six o'clock and Mr Brown usually makes her toast and eggs for breakfast.

But today Mr Brown isn't in the kitchen.

'Tom!' she calls. No answer.

'That's strange,' she thinks.

Mrs Brown goes outside and calls Max, her dog.

'Max!' she calls. Max doesn't come.

'That's strange,' she thinks.

Mrs Brown goes to feed the chickens.

She looks in the backyard. No chickens.

'That's strange,' she thinks.

Mrs Brown goes to see the cows.

She looks in the barn. No cows.

'That's strange,' she thinks.

Mrs Brown looks in the field. No animals.

'Where are the sheep? Where are the pigs? Where's the horse? That's very strange!' she thinks.

Mrs Brown hears a noise behind the house.

She goes to look.

Everyone's in the garden: Mr Brown, Max, the chickens, the cows, the pigs and the horse.

'SURPRISE!'

'Where's my breakfast, Tom?'

'Today's breakfast is cake, Maude. Birthday cake! Happy birthday, my love!'



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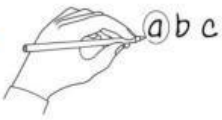




1. What's the order?

Put the sentences in order.

	Mrs Brown looks in the barn.
	Mrs Brown looks for the chickens.
1	Mrs Brown goes into the kitchen.
	Mrs Brown hears a noise.
	Mrs Brown calls Tom.
	Mrs Brown has a nice surprise.
	Mrs Brown goes outside.
	Mrs Brown looks in the field.



2. True or false?

Circle true or false for these sentences.

a.	Mrs Brown's a farmer.	*true*	*false*
b.	Mrs Brown makes breakfast.	*true*	*false*
c.	Mr Brown's name is Max.	*true*	*false*
d.	The cows aren't in the barn.	*true*	*false*
e.	The horse is in the field.	*true*	*false*
f.	Today is Mrs Brown's birthday.	*true*	*false*

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Write and draw!



How do you celebrate your birthday? Draw a picture and write about it!

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