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Cock-A-Doodle-Snooze

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One morning, the rooster forgot to wake up and say, "Cock-a-doodle-doo!" So all the other farm animals slept late.

"I don't mean to ruffle any feathers," the hen told the rooster, "but someone needs to wake you up on time."

"I'll wake you up," said the horse to the rooster. "I'll give you my loudest neighhhhh."

"But who will wake you up?" the rooster yawned.

"I'll wake the horse," said the cow. "I'll give him my loudest mooooooo."

"And I'll wake the cow," said the sheep. "I'll give her the best baaaaaa she's ever heard. As long as someone wakes me first."

"I'll wake the sheep," said the pig. "I'll give her an oink and a grunt."

"Then who will wake you up?" said the sheep.

"Oh, I always wake up on time," the pig said, "as soon as I hear the rooster crow."

"Sounds like a plan," yawned the rooster.

But the next morning, all the animals slept late a second time because the rooster still didn't crow.



Because the horse didn't wake the rooster.

Because the cow didn't wake the horse.

Because the sheep didn't wake the cow.

Because the pig didn't wake the sheep.

Because the pig didn't hear the rooster.

"That settles it," the hen said. "If nobody here is going to wake up on time, I'm taking over."



So at the next crack of dawn, the hen ran all over the farm yelling "Cluck-a-doodle-cluck! Cluck-a-doodle-cluck!"

All the other farm animals woke up, including the rooster.

"But how did you wake up on time?" said the rooster to the hen.

"That's easy. I set my built in alarm cluck," said the hen. "Cluck-a-doodle-cluck-a-doodle-cluck!"

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1. What problem do the animals face in the story?
 - a. The hen keeps trying to boss others around.
 - b. The rooster isn't waking up on time.
 - c. The animals can't sleep.
 - d. The animals are going to bed too late.

2. Read this sentence from the story:

"I don't mean to ruffle any feathers, but someone needs to wake you up on time."

What does it mean to "ruffle someone's feathers"?

- a. bother or annoy someone
 - b. say something nice about someone
 - c. say something in a loud voice
 - d. say something in a quiet voice
3. When the animals make a plan to wake one another up, it doesn't work. Why not?

4. Which word best describes the hen's solution to the animals' problem?
 - a. sneaky
 - b. unhelpful
 - c. clever
 - d. useless

5. How does the hen wake up on time?

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Draw lines to match the words from the story with their meanings.

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| 1. | ruffle | • | • | type of sound a pig makes |
| 2. | dawn | • | • | solves, clears up |
| 3. | yawned | • | • | a male chicken |
| 4. | grunt | • | • | early morning |
| 5. | rooster | • | • | type of clock that sets off a signal to wake you up |
| 6. | crow | • | • | rumple; mess up |
| 7. | alarm | • | • | a loud cry made by a rooster |
| 8. | settles | • | • | something you do when you're tired |

