

# My Chick



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## Before reading

### Talking Time

- Read the title **to** your child and talk about the picture. Read the blurb on the back cover to your child.
- Look through the book together, talking about the pictures – but do not read the words. You could use the suggestions below.

**Content:** Hens sit on their eggs so the eggs keep warm until they hatch. Some hens have too many eggs so they need help.

**Front Cover:** What can you see? This is a baby hen – a chick.

**Page 1:** The hen sits on her eggs but there are too many. These eggs will get cold. Can the boy help?

**Page 2:** Where does he put the eggs? Why?

**Focus question-** Read this **to** your child.

How did the boy help the hen?

**Focus phonics-** Ask your child to say each phoneme (sound).

qu Qu ng sh Sh ar ch Ch ee

**Focus words** - Ask your child to read each word by 'sounding out' and blending.

eggs chick needs see keep cheep chill

**Focus 'tricky' words-** Please help your child to read these words.

my she her so have

## During Reading

- Listen to your child reading. Remind them to 'sound out' and blend to read the words. Help them if they get stuck.
- Help them to think about what they are reading by asking questions and talking about the pictures and/or words. Explain meanings of new words if necessary.
- Enjoy reading this book with your child!

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The hen sits on her eggs in the barn. She has lots of eggs so she needs my help.

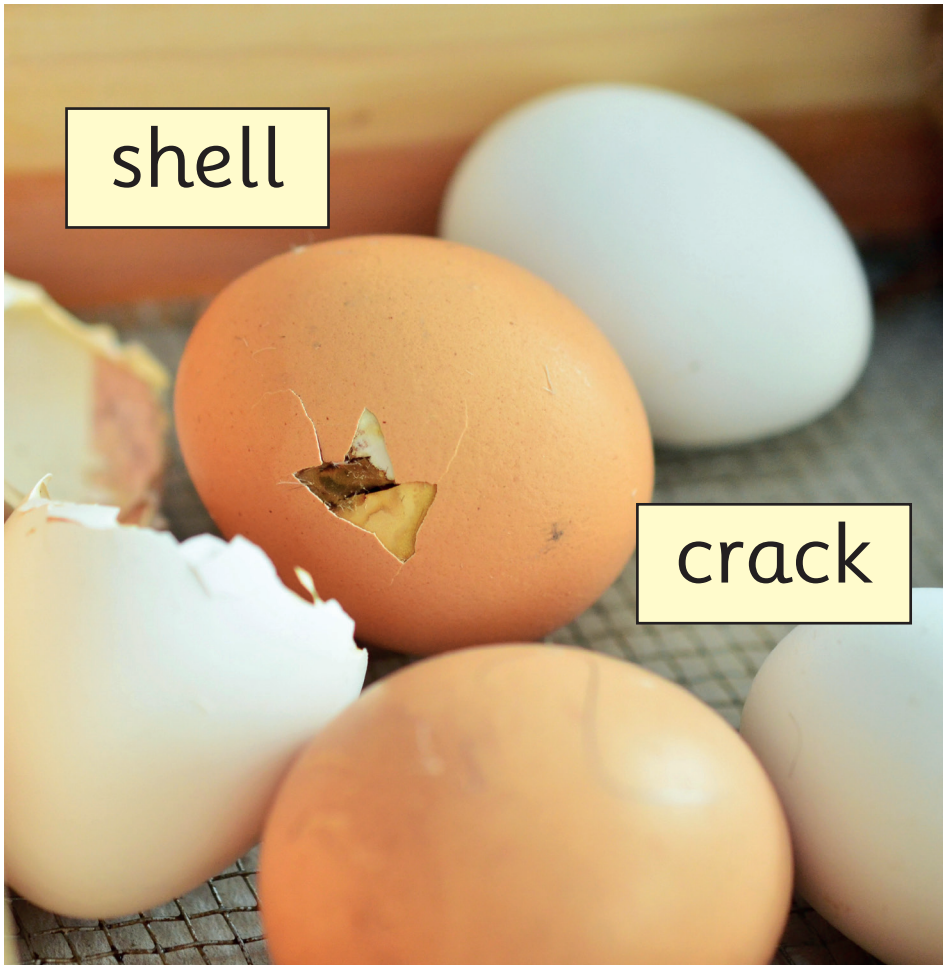
eggs



hot shelf

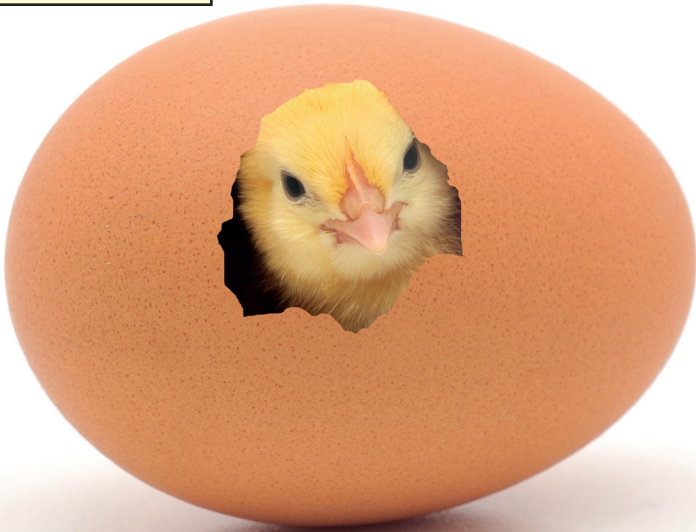
Quick! The eggs must go on a hot shelf. I will keep her eggs hot.





I can see a crack in the hard shell. Cheep, cheep!

chick



Sh! I can see a chick  
pecking at the shell.  
It is peeping at me.

chick



The chick is here! I can pick  
it up in my hand!



chicks



The chicks sleep in a box.  
I have a hot lamp so the  
chicks do not get a chill.



I love my chick. It is the  
best chick on the farm.

## After Reading

### Talking Time and Focus Question

- Ask the focus question and talk about the answer.
- Encourage your child to talk about the book by asking questions and looking at the pictures together.

### Fun with Phonics

Play one of these games with your child. Ask your child's teacher how to play.

- Fast Phonemes
- I-Spy a Grapheme
- Spot the Word
- Speedy Read a Focus Word or Tricky Word

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How did the boy help the hen?



Focus phonics  
**qu ng sh ar ch ee**

'Tricky' words  
**my she her so have**