

## UGLY DUCKLING

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	THE UGLY DUCKLING
M01	It was so _____ out in the country in the summertime.
M02	The _____ were full of tall, yellow corn. The _____ was turning gold. All around the fields were great, green _____ and deep blue lakes. In the trees, birds were speaking many different languages to each other. Yes, it was very nice in the country.
M03	The sun was _____ on an old country house that stood near a _____. From the walls down to the water grew high plants with wide leaves.
M04	Under these leaves a mother _____ lay upon her eggs in her nest. By this time she had become a little tired and lonely. She had _____ visitors; the other ducks enjoyed swimming in the water more than sitting and talking with her.
M05	Finally, one egg began to _____ open, then another and another. The little eggs had come alive. "Peep! Peep!" was the cry from the heads that now _____.
M06	The mother duck welcomed them into the world. "Quick! Quick!" she told them, "Look _____." So they all ran _____ under the green, green leaves looking here and there. Their mother watched them happily.
M07	"How big the world is!" said the young _____. True, there had been very little room inside the eggs.
M08	"Do you think that this is the _____ world?" asked their mother. "Why, the world goes beyond this garden and the next, right into the _____ field; but I have never been there. Well, I guess all of you are out."
M09	She stood up and saw that there was one more egg to go. "Oh, the biggest egg is still _____ there. How much _____ do I have to wait for it? I'm sick and tired of it!" And down she sat again.
M10	"Well, how are things with you?" asked an old duck who came to _____ her a visit.
M11	"This last egg is taking such a long time!" answered the sitting duck. "It's not _____ to come out _____! But look at the others! Aren't they pretty little ducklings? They look just like their father, the playboy! He never comes to see me!"
M12	"Let me see the egg that _____ open up!" said the old duck. "Believe me, it's a turkey egg. I was fooled like that myself once."

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M13	“What trouble those young ones were, too! They were afraid of the water. Just _____ go in. I tried to talk them in at first, then I tried pushing them. But it was no _____. Yes, I say it’s a turkey egg. Leave it alone and go teach the other children to swim!”
M14	“No, I should sit on it a _____ longer,” said the mother. “I’ve sat so long already, a few more hours won’t _____.”
M15	“As you like!” said the old duck, and she walked _____ back to the water.
M16	At last the big egg began to break open. “Peep! Peep!” said the baby duck as it tried to _____ itself out of the egg. He was so big and _____. The mother looked at him.
M17	“What an ugly duckling it is!” she cried. “He doesn’t look like any of the others. _____, it can’t be a turkey! Well, we’ll soon find out! Into the water he goes, _____ if I have to push him!”
M18	The _____ was perfect the next day; the sun was shining on the green _____ and the blue water. The mother duck and her family walked down to the lake.
M19	“Quick! Quick!” cried she, and one after _____ dropped into the water. The water went over their heads for a moment. But soon they were all _____ and moving about in the water with their legs; even the ugly _____ duckling.
M20	“No, it’s no turkey!” said the mother duck. “See how nicely it uses its legs, and how _____ it sits up in the water! It’s my _____ young one! I suppose he’s not so ugly after all. Rather pretty really, if you look closely.
M21	“Quick! Quick! Come with me everyone into the great big world. I will _____ you to the duck yard. But keep close to me and watch out for the cat!”
M22	And so they came into the duck yard. There was a _____ noise. Two families were fighting over a fish head. Finally, the cat _____ it.
M23	“Look, that is the way of the world!” said the mother duck. She too _____ have liked the fish head. “Use your legs,” she said, “and look smart. Be nice to that old duck over _____, for she is the most famous duck in the yard; her family comes from Spain; and see the red tie around her leg!
M24	“That is a great honor; it means that they want to keep her, so men and animals must be kind to her. Quack! Quack! Don’t turn your _____ in! A wellbrought- up duckling keeps his feet wide _____ like father and mother! Look at me! Like so! And now _____ out your neck and ‘Quack!’”
M25	As they did so, all the other ducks watching in the yard began to talk loudly. “Just look! Now we have all these new ones, too! There are already too many of us _____! And oh, my! Look at that ugly gray duckling! Well, we don’t need his kind around here!” Just then a duck _____ at the big duckling and _____ him in the neck.
M26	“Leave him alone, will you!” said the mother. “He’s not _____ you.”

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M27	“No, but he’s so big and strange-looking!” said the duck who bit him, “so, we cannot _____ him!”
M28	“You have _____ children, mother!” said the old duck with the red tie around her leg. “They are all pretty _____ one, which hasn’t turned out well at all! I wish you could make him over again!”
M29	“Not _____, My Lady!” said the mother of the ducklings. “He isn’t pretty, but he is well _____ and swims as well as the others. Even better, I must say! I think he will grow _____, or perhaps smaller, in time. His problem is that he was in the egg too long!”
M30	Then she _____ some of his feathers with her mouth. “Besides, he’s a boy-duck,” she said, “and so his beauty is not so important! I think he’ll be strong enough to fight his way _____!”
M31	“The other ducklings are very nice,” said the old duck. “Please make yourself at home; and if you find a fish head you _____ bring it to me.”
M32	But the poor duckling who was the last _____ and looked so ugly had many problems. He was _____, pushed and talked about by the other ducks and chickens.
M33	“He’s too big!” they all cried. Everyone in the yard began to say _____, unkind things to him. Then they would laugh and laugh at him. The poor duckling didn’t know what to do.
M34	And so the first day was a very bad day for him. After that, things _____ even more difficult. The duckling was pushed about and bitten by them all. His own brothers and sisters _____ saying, “If only the cat would eat you, you ugly thing!” while even his own mother said, “If only you were far, far away!” And the girl who _____ the animals hit him with her foot.
M35	Then he ran away from the yard. He ran _____ trees and plants causing little birds to fly into the air. “They fly away because I am so ugly.” said the duckling. He closed his eyes and _____ on. At last he came to a field where the wild ducks lived. There he lay all night long, tired and sad.
M36	In the morning the _____ ducks saw their new neighbor. “What kind of a thing are you?” they asked. The duckling tried to say hello to them.
M37	“You are _____ ugly!” said the wild ducks; “but it doesn’t matter to us as long as you do not _____ into the family!”
M38	Poor thing! He had no idea of marrying! It was _____ for him just to _____ in peace and quiet among the water plants.
M39	There he lay for two _____ days. Then there came two wild, rather young, boy-ducks who wanted to have a good time.
M40	“Listen, friend!” they said; “you are so ugly that we quite like you. _____ you come play with us? _____, in another pond, are some really sweet and pretty young girl-ducks. As ugly as you are, they’ll like you just the same!”

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M41	“Pop! Pop!” came a loud sound at that moment, and the two boy-ducks _____ dead. The water turned blood-red. “Pop! Pop!” came more sounds from all around the pond. Many ducks were _____ and the others were flying away.
M42	It was a _____ party. The hunters were firing their guns from behind plants and trees. Blue smoke was everywhere. The hunting dogs ran through the water, picking the ducks up in their _____.
M43	The poor, ugly duckling was so afraid. He tried to put his head under his wing. Just then, a large dog _____ right in front of the duckling. His mouth was open and his eyes were _____; his large, pointed teeth were touching the duckling—and suddenly! He turned and ran off.
M44	“Oh, thank God!” thought the duckling. “I’m so ugly that even the dog _____ bite me!”
M45	And he _____ very still among the water plants while the guns continued to fire away. Much later in the day, when all was quiet, the duckling _____ his head and looked around. Then he ran as fast as he could through fields and forests. But a strong wind was blowing against him, making him _____.
M46	Finally, in the evening, he _____ a little, old house. He was so tired and afraid. The house had an old, _____ door that was half-open, so the duckling looked inside.
M47	Here lived an old woman with her cat and her hen. The cat was _____ Sonny. He could _____ his back and make cat sounds, “Purr! Purr!”
M48	The hen had _____ little legs and was called Chickysshort-legs; She made hen sounds, “Cluck! Cluck!” She _____ good eggs and the old woman loved her like a child.
M49	The next morning they saw the ugly duckling sleeping _____ the door. The cat purred and the hen clucked.
M50	“I don’t believe my eyes!” said the old woman looking at the duckling. But her eyes were not very good, so she _____ the duckling was a fat duck which was _____. “Now maybe I can have duck eggs too. We must wait and see.”
M51	So for three weeks the duckling was _____ into the _____; but he did not lay a single egg. The cat was the master in that house and the hen was the mistress.
M52	They always said: “We are the world!” because they thought that they were half the world. And the _____ half too! The duckling did not agree with them but the hen would not listen.
M53	“Can you _____ eggs?” she asked.
M54	“No.”
M55	“_____ be quiet!”

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M56	And the cat said. "Can you _____ your back and purr?"
M57	"No!"
M58	"Then your opinions are not _____ to ours." So the duckling sat unhappily in the corner. Then he thought of the _____ air and sunshine. Suddenly, he had such a strong desire to _____ upon the water that he told the hen of his feelings.
M59	"What's _____ with you?" asked the hen. "You're out of your mind because you have nothing to do. Lay eggs or purr, and these strange ideas will go away!"
M60	"But it's so nice to float upon the water!" said the duckling; "so nice to go _____ the water and down to the bottom!"
M61	"Oh, you must be _____!" said the hen. "Ask the cat; he's the wisest person I know. If he likes floating on the water, I'll say no more. Ask the old woman; no one in the world is _____ than she. Do you think that she likes to float on or under the water?"
M62	"You don't _____ me!" said the duckling.
M63	"If we don't understand you, I don't know who will! You will never be wiser than the three of us! Don't make a _____ of yourself, child! You should thank _____ that we are so nice to you.
M64	"Didn't we _____ you into a warm room with food to eat? You are an ugly _____ of bird and being with you is not pleasant. Believe me. I'm telling you this as your friend, because it's true! You should learn to lay eggs or purr."
M65	"I think I will go out into the _____ world," said the duckling.
M66	"Go right _____!" said the hen.
M67	So the duckling went. He floated on the water happily, but the other animals didn't _____ to him because he was so ugly.
M68	And now it was fall. The leaves of the forest _____ yellow and brown, and the wind _____ them all around. There was a cold look high in the sky.
M69	The _____ were heavy with cold rain and snow. On a fence stood a blackbird who cried "Ow! Ow!" because it was getting so cold. Oh, the poor duckling _____ it wouldn't be easy.
M70	One evening, during a beautiful sunset, a large group of lovely birds _____ from the nearby woods. The duckling had never seen anything so beautiful. They were bright white with long, pretty necks; they were _____.
M71	After making a strange cry, they spread their wings and flew up, up and up; away from the cold fields to _____ lands and lakes. They flew so high that the duckling could _____ see them.

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M72	He turned around in the water and _____ out his neck to watch them. Oh! He could not forget those beautiful and happy birds. His heart was _____ loudly, his eyes were wide. He did not know the name of the birds, or where they were flying.
M73	But he loved them. How _____ it would have been if they had asked him to go along! He knew he could never hope to be like them, _____.
M74	And the winter grew colder and colder. The duckling had to keep swimming to stop the water from becoming ice. But every night more water turned to _____. Finally the poor duckling was too tired to swim _____. He lay quite still until he became stuck in the ice.
M75	_____ the next morning a farmer passed that way. He saw the duckling, went out to it, and broke the ice with his _____ shoe. He brought the bird home to his wife, and the duckling was _____.
M76	The _____ wanted to play with him, but the duckling was afraid. He flew around the room and right into the milkcan. Then he flew into the butter _____ and the grain.
M77	Soon, there was milk and _____ and grain everywhere. The woman shouted and tried to hit the duckling with a _____; the children, laughing and falling, tried to catch it.
M78	The door was open though, and out it flew into the _____ fallen snow. He hurried into some plants and lay there so sadly.
M79	The poor duckling had such an unhappy and difficult winter that year. Too sad to talk about, really. He was _____ in a small pond among plants when the sun began to shine _____; the other birds began to sing because it was springtime again.
M80	One day the duckling _____ its wings; they were stronger than before, and he began to fly easily. Before he knew _____ he was going he had arrived in a beautiful, large garden.
M81	The tree leaves were a fresh green and the bright flowers smelled _____. In the middle of this beautiful place was a pond.
M82	Suddenly, right in front of him, there appeared _____ beautiful white swans. They made a _____ sound with their wings and floated on the water. The duckling remembered seeing these lovely birds and felt a strange sadness.
M83	“I will fly _____ these fine birds! They will bite me because I am so ugly and _____ to come near them; but I don’t care anymore. It is better they kill me than to continue _____ as I have. No, I couldn’t stand another winter!”
M84	So he flew out into the pond, and _____ towards the _____. When they saw the duckling they rushed towards him quickly.

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M85	“Kill me and end my _____!” cried the poor duck. He lowered his head and waited for death. But what did he see in the clear water? Himself? Was it possible? He was no _____ a strange, large, dark-gray and very ugly bird; he too was a swan!
M86	It doesn't matter at all about _____ born in a duckyard if one comes from a swan's egg. The large swans now swam around and around him; they _____ him with their mouths and were very friendly.
M87	Some little children came running into the garden; they _____ corn and bread on the water, and the smallest of them said: “There's a new _____!” The other children also shouted, “Yes! A new one has come!”
M88	They jumped up and down and ran to get their mother and father. More bread and _____ were _____ into the water, and they all said: “The new one is the prettiest! It is so young and lovely!” And the old swans _____ their heads before him.
M89	He felt so _____ that he stuck his head under his wings and didn't know what to do. He was almost too happy, but not _____; for a good heart is never proud. He thought of how he had been so completely _____; and now all said he was the loveliest of lovely birds.
M90	And the flowers turned towards him and the sun _____ nice and warm. Then the swan spread out his feathers, raised his fine neck, and cried from the bottom of his heart: “I never _____ of such happiness when I was an ugly duckling!”