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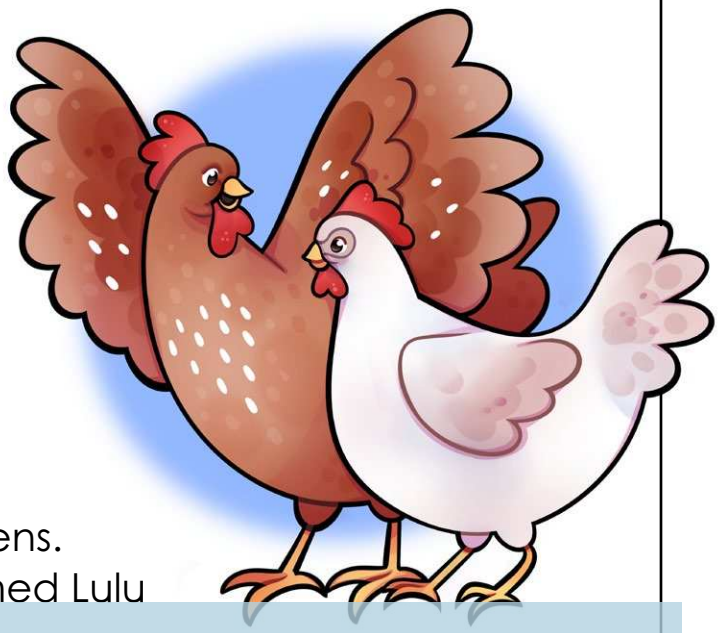

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Some people have cats as pets. Others have dogs. Aunt Lee is not like those people. Her two pets are chickens. Both are girl birds, or hens. One is named Lulu and the other is Molly.

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"Do you take soap and water and scrub them under their wings and wash between their toes?" asked Cindy.

"I let them take their own baths," said Aunt Lee. "Come and watch."

Cindy went to see Lulu and Molly taking their baths. When she walked into Aunt Lee's backyard, the two hens were flapping on the ground. Dirt flew into the air around them.

"Those chickens sure are dirty," said Cindy. "When will they start taking their baths?"

"That's what they are doing," said Aunt Lee. "Lulu and Molly are taking dust baths. It cleans tiny bugs off their feathers and it makes them feel good. Want to join them?"

Cindy smiled. "No, but I'll watch."

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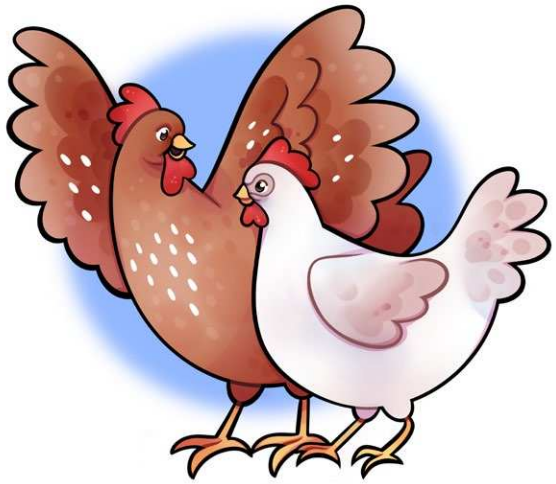

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1. What are girl chickens called?

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2. What are the names of Aunt Lee's two chickens?

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4. How is a dust bath helpful to chickens?

a. It helps them to lay more eggs.

b. It helps them get rid of old feathers.

c. It helps them get rid of bugs in their feathers.

d. It cleans their beaks.

5. How was Aunt Lee trying to be funny at the end of the story?

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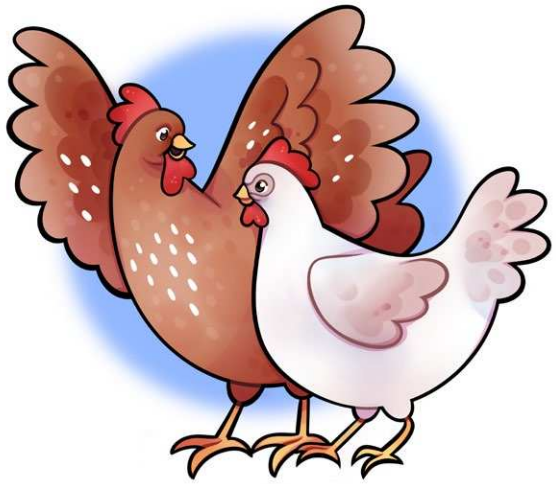

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In the story, Aunt Lee has pet chickens.
Would you want to have chickens as pets? Why or why not?

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ANSWER KEY

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1. What are girl ch[illegible]ns co[illegible]

   hens

2. What a[illegible]mes of Aunt Lee's two chicken[illegible]

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   a. It helps [illegible]

   b. It helps them [illegible]

   c. It helps them get rid of bugs in their feathers.

   d. It cleans their beaks.

5. How was Aunt Lee trying to be funny at the end of the story?

   Aunt Lee asks Cindy if she wants to join the chickens in the dust bath.