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Chicken and the Mighty Storm

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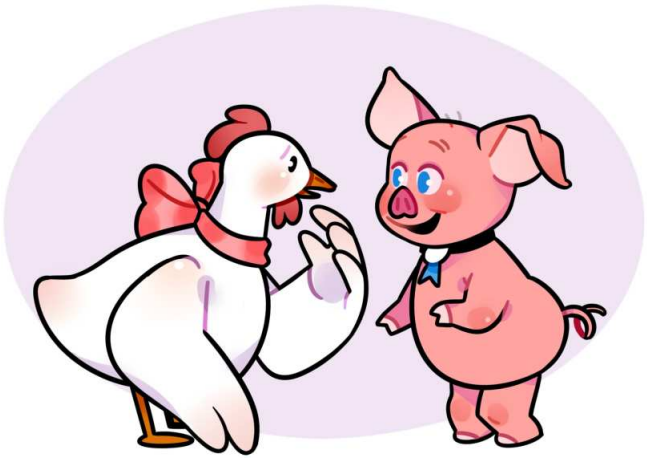

Chicken raced to the barnyard, excited for the picnic. Suddenly she slid to a stop. Gray storm clouds were filling the sky. Anxiously, Chicken turned back toward the barn.

Just then Pig passed by. "Aren't you going to the picnic?" he squealed. "All that delicious pig-nic food... I can't wait to pig out!" He licked his chops.

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Pig grunted. "Suit yourself. But *I'm* going to the picnic." He left.

Wind ruffled Chicken's feathers. Dirt whirled around the yard. The storm was close!

Chicken hurried to the barn. She reached it as her friends were leaving.

Horse neighed. "Whoa, Chicken! Wrong way. The picnic is over there." He pointed his nose toward the picnic area.

Chicken shook her head. Couldn't Horse hear the wind howling? "It's too windy," Chicken said. "What if I blow away? Then where will I be? Maybe the moon, that's where."

Cow mooed. "Don't be a coward, dearie."

"I'm not a coward." Chicken clucked. "A mighty storm is coming. What if something

happens? The rain might wash us all the way to the ocean! We should stay inside."

Cow and Horse snorted. "Suit yourself. But *we're* going to the picnic." They left.

Chicken strutted to her coop. She hoped her friends weren't in danger. But at least she felt safe. No rain, no wind, no worries in here.

Chicken settled down. Soon she heard her friends frolicking outside.

"The races are about to begin!" someone announced.

"What if I miss all of the fun?" Chicken whispered.

Suddenly, the ground shook.

The barn rattled.

Thunder rumbled.

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Chi[illegible]d. Were her friends in trouble, stuck in the storm? What should she do? She didn't know. But she couldn't hide if they needed help. So she crept to the doorway and peeped outside.

Her friends were stampeding back to the barn! It was pouring! Lightning flashed.

As they dashed inside, her friends groaned. "You were right! We are soaked!" They dripped puddles onto the barn floor.

Chicken raised her wings. "I don't want to crow, but never argue with a chicken about the weather. Why else do you think there's a rooster on the weather vane?" Then she strutted back to her dry, cozy coop and smiled, glad that her friends were safe. Sometimes it paid to be chicken.

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a. to do something even though you don't want to do it
b. to take a risk
c. to be afraid or scared
d. to be strong and brave

2. How many animal characters are mentioned in the story?

a. three **b.** four **c.** five **d.** six

3. An **exaggeration** is a statement that makes things seem worse than they really are.

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☐ "The rain might wash us all the way to the ocean!"

4. Based on what you read, list some of of the emotions Chicken felt throughout the story.

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5. At the end of the story, Chicken mentions the object in this picture. What is it?

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3.	whirl	•	• small pools of water
5.	stampe	•	• walked pridefully
6.	strutted	•	• running around playfully
7.	puddles	•	• rushing around in a panic
8.	shrieks	•	• male chicken

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In the story, "Chicken and the Mighty Storm," Chicken decides to stay inside even though her friends don't listen to her advice.

Describe a time when you made a choice that wasn't popular with your friends. How did you feel when they didn't agree? Did you make the unpopular choice anyway? Was it the right choice?

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