

The Lazy Rooster

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**SHORT
TALES**

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What is the rooster doing?

Long ago on a farm in the countryside, lived a rooster, Randy. He was a lazy rooster who slept all day. Randy didn't wake up with the first rays of the sun. He always slept until noon and this bothered the hens. "Look at him! He's still sleeping," said Helen Hen.

"Wake up, Randy!" shouted Haley Hen.

"Good morning," yawned Randy and stretched his wings.

"Just look at yourself! It's almost noon and you're still in your nest!" said Haley.

"I wish you woke up early like the rest of us," said Helen.

"Why should I wake up early? Just let me sleep," said Randy who snuggled in his nest and shut his eyes.

"All the hens are angry," said Haley.

"I'll call a meeting. We'll decide what to do with Randy," said Helen.



Why are the hens angry?

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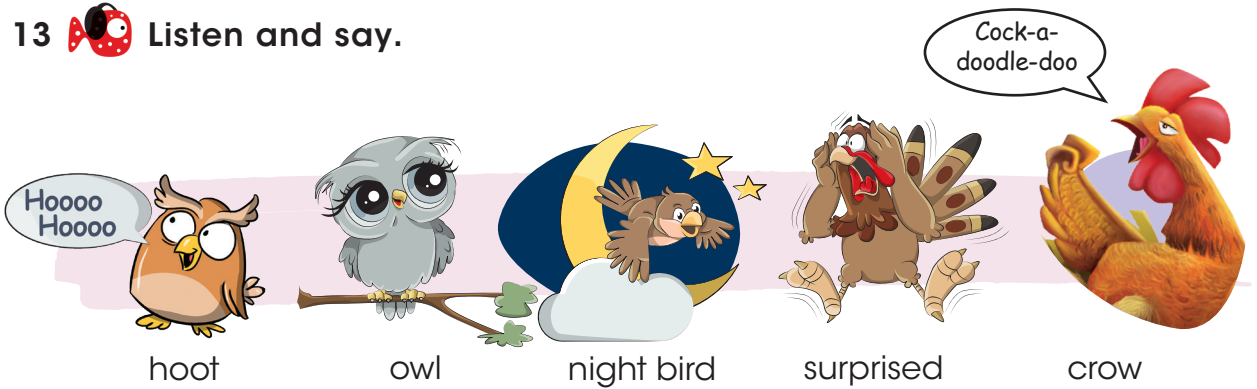


ACTIVITIES

for pages 10-11



13  Listen and say.



14   Listen about Ortis Owl and choose the correct word.

- 1 Ortis Owl is a **day / night** bird.
- 2 He lives in **the trees / a coop**. During the day, he **plays / sleeps**.
- 3 At night, he looks for **birds / food**.
- 4 He **hoots / crows** all night.
- 5 When the **sun / moon** appears, he sleeps in the trees.



15  Use the words from the boxes to complete the sentences.

wing

hoot

owl

surprised

crow

- 1 The **owl** is a night bird.
- 2 I'm to see you here. Weren't you in London?
- 3 Roosters put their head in their to sleep.
- 4 Owls at night when they wake up.
- 5 Roosters in the morning when the sun comes up.

ACTIVITIES

for pages 12-13



16  Listen and say.



rustle



bat



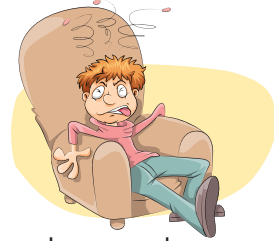
hang from a tree



circle



screeching



desperate

17  Who says these sentences? Read the story of pages 12-13 again and choose.

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| 1 "What strange animals!" | <input checked="" type="radio"/> a Randy | b Ortis |
| 2 "You don't belong here." | a Randy | b the bat |
| 3 "Hoot! Hoot!" | a the bat | b Ortis |
| 4 "This is our tree." | a the bat | b Ortis |
| 5 "I wish I were back in my coop." | a Ortis | b Randy |

18  Randy can't sleep. Write what he wishes.

- "It isn't quiet." I wish it **was quiet**.
- "The bats are screeching."
I wish they
- "The night creatures make many sounds."
I wish they
- "I'm not back in the coop."
I wish I



WORD LIST

bat	hang from a tree	screech
bleat	hen	sharp horns
bother	hoot	snuggle in the nest
charge towards	lake	stare at
circle	land	stomp hooves
complain	lazy	stretch wings
coop	lungs	sun comes up
crow	night bird	surprised
desperate	owl	take a nap
disappointed	pleased	throw pebbles at
farm	proud	warmth
fence	punish	welcome back
flap wings	rays of sun	wild animals
fly away	roam	wonder
freeze	rock	yawn
go away	rooster	
goat	rustle	

KEY STRUCTURES in this story:

- wishes (Past Simple)
- farm animals
- words related to day / night animals

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Randy is a young rooster that likes to sleep all day. He never wakes up in the morning to crow. What will happen when the hens in his coop become angry with him? Will Randy change his ways or will they chase him away?



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