

# In the Henhouse

Literacy Level 21 • Maths Level 2+ • Number and Algebra

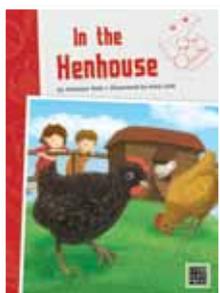
Wise Up!



Inquiry Learning  
for Years 3 and 4

## Inquire to Learn!

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There are many ways *In the Henhouse* can be used as a base for Inquiry Learning. This is just one suggestion.

**Session 1:** Using the Big Book, share-read *In the Henhouse*, stopping at natural points for discussion. Draw on the students' prior knowledge of eggs, hens, and markets.

**Session 2:** Using the Big Book, work through the Specific Literacy Learning Outcome task and the Literacy Focus questions.

**Session 3:** Using the Small Books, have the children reread *In the Henhouse*. Model answering the Wise Up! on page 3. Draw the students' attention to the information on numerators and denominators on page 5. In their maths groups, have the children work through the Wise Ups! on pages 5, 7, 9, 10, and 15. Help individual groups as necessary.

**Session 4:** Complete the challenge on page 16. As an extension exercise, ask the students to come up with their own fraction-based challenge.

### Literacy Achievement Objective:

Identify plot structure: beginning (exposition, conflict), middle (rising action, climax), end (falling action, resolution).

### Specific Literacy Learning Outcome:

Reread *In the Henhouse* and identify plot elements from the beginning, middle, and end of the story.

### Literacy Focus:

1. *Plot summary, beginning:* Reread "The Big Idea" and identify the beginning of the plot, or conflict. Ask, *What do Sam and Stacey want to do? How do they decide to do this?* (pages 2–3)
2. *Plot summary, middle:* Reread "Doing the Sums", "Pricing Each Egg", and "Cutting Costs" and discuss the middle of the plot, or rising action. Ask, *What was the terrible thing that happened?* (page 9)
3. *Plot summary, end:* Reread "Market Day", "Counting the Cash", and "Double the Hens" and discuss the end of the plot, or resolution. Ask, *Did Stacey and Sam's plan work? What is their new plan?*

### Numeracy Achievement Objective:

Find and identify fractions.

### Specific Numeracy Learning Outcome:

Find fractions of sets, identify equivalent fractions, and understand the connection between fractions and division.