

## Lesson Plan

### Chick Chat

**Book:** *Life Cycle of a Chicken*

**Series:** Life Cycles

**Level:** Pioneer

### Objective

To help students recall key details about the life cycle of a chicken.

### Supplies

- *Life Cycle of a Chicken* book
- Chick Chat worksheet (attached)
- Pencils

### Before the Activity

Divide the students into pairs. Print out a copy of the Chick Chat worksheet for each pair. Pass out worksheets and pencils.

### Activity

Read the *Life Cycle of a Chicken* book out loud to students. Explain that the worksheet includes several statements about the life cycle of a chicken. But each statement is missing one or two words. In pairs, students should use the words at the top of the worksheet to fill out the statements. Each word will only be used once.

### Evaluation

Give pairs 1 point for each correctly filled blank, for up to 18 points.

### Standards

This lesson may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' reading standards for informational text, grades 1 and 2 (RI 1.1; RI 2.1), and the National Science Education Standards' Content Standard C, grades K–4.

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combs	fertilized	rooster
corn	hatch	shells
down	hen	tail
embryo	mated	tooth
feathers	nutrients	weeks

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2. A chick uses a special \_\_\_\_\_ to hatch out of its egg. This process is called \_\_\_\_\_.
3. A hen \_\_\_\_\_ for three \_\_\_\_\_. In this process, she sits on her eggs to keep them warm.
4. A \_\_\_\_\_ lays eggs. Only \_\_\_\_\_ eggs grow into chickens.
5. Roosters and hens look different. Roosters have big, colorful \_\_\_\_\_ on their heads, while hens have shorter \_\_\_\_\_ feathers.
6. A soft, fluffy covering keeps chicks warm. It is called \_\_\_\_\_.
7. An \_\_\_\_\_ grows inside the egg. After three weeks, the egg will \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Chicks eat \_\_\_\_\_, which is a mix of wheat, \_\_\_\_\_, and more. This substance has all the \_\_\_\_\_ chicks need to grow.
9. As chicks grow, their down is replaced by adult \_\_\_\_\_.
10. To hatch, chicks peck holes in their \_\_\_\_\_.

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