

The Traditional Story: A Readers' Theater Play!

All: Once upon a time...

Voice 1: There lived a little red hen.

Voice 2: Now this little red hen was a hard worker.

Voice 3: Her barnyard friends were nice, but I guess it is safe to say...

All: They were lazy!

Voice 4: One day, the little red hen found some wheat seeds that the farmer had dropped.

Voice 1: The little red hen called to her barnyard friends:

Hen: Who will help me plant the wheat?

Goose: Honk! Not I.

Voice 2: Said the goose.

Dog: Arf! Not I.

Voice 3: Said the dog.

Cat: Moo! Not I.

Voice 4: Said the cow.

Hen: Then I'll do it myself.

Voice 1: Said the little red hen.

Voice 2: And she did.

Voice 3: After the seeds were all planted, the little red hen called to her friends.

Hen: Who will help me water the seeds?

Goose: Honk! Not I.

Voice 4: Said the goose.

Dog: Arf! Not I.

Voice 1: Said the dog.

Cat: Meow! Not I.

Voice 2: Said the cat.

Cow: Moo! Not I.

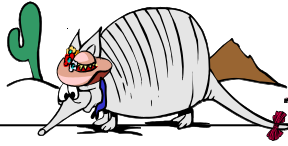
Voice 3: Said the cow.

Hen: Then, I'll water them myself.

Voice 4: Said the little red hen.

Voice 1: And she did.

Voice 2: After awhile, little wheat plants began to grow.



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Voice 3: But weeds came up, too.

Hen: Who will help me hoe the weeds?

Voice 4: Asked the little red hen.

Goose: Honk! Not I.

Voice 1: Said the goose.

Dog: Arf! Not I.

Voice 2: Said the dog.

Cat: Meow. Not I.

Voice 3: Said the cat.

Cow: Moo. Not I.

Voice 4: Said the cow.

Hen: Then I will hoe them myself.

Voice 1: And she did.

Voice 2: Soon the wheat was ready to thresh.

Hen: Who will help me thresh the wheat?

Goose: Honk! Not I.

Voice 3: Said the goose.

Dog: Arf! Not I.

Voice 4: Said the dog.

Cat: Meow. Not I.

Voice 1: Said the cat.

Cow: Moo. Not I.

Voice 2: Said the cow.

Hen: Then I will thresh it myself.

Voice 3: And she did.

Voice 4: When the wheat was all threshed, the little red hen asked,

Hen: Who will help me grind the wheat to make the flour?

Goose: Honk! Not I.

Voice 1: Said the goose.

Dog: Arf! Not I.

Voice 2: Said the dog.

Cat: Meow. Not I.

Voice 3: Said the cat.

Cow: Moo. Not I.

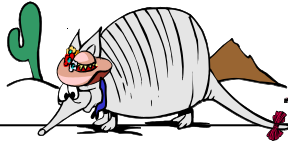
Voice 4: Said the cow.

Hen: Then I will grind it myself.

Voice 1: And she did.

Hen: Now, who will help me make the bread?

Voice 2: Asked the little red hen.



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Goose: Honk! Not I.
Voice 3: Said the goose.
Dog: Arf! Not I.
Voice 4: Said the dog.
Cat: Meow. Not I.
Voice 1: Said the cat.
Cow: Moo. Not I.
Voice 2: Said the cow.
Hen: Then I will make it myself.
Voice 3: And she did.
Hen: Who will help me bake the bread?
Goose: Honk! Not I.
Voice 4: Said the goose.
Dog: Arf! Not I.
Voice 1: Said the dog.
Cat: Meow. Not I.
Voice 2: Said the cat.
Cow: Moo. Not I.
Voice 3: Said the cow.
Hen: Then I will bake it myself.
Voice 4: And she did.
Voice 1: As the bread baked, the delicious smell drifted into the barnyard.

Voice 2: All of the barnyard animals sniffed.
Hen: Now who will help me eat the bread?
Goose: Honk! I will!
Voice 3: Said the goose.
Dog: Arf! I will!
Voice 4: Said the dog.
Cat: Meow. I will!
Voice 1: Said the cat.
Cow: Moo. I will!
Voice 2: Said the cow.
Hen: No. You didn't help me plant the seeds. You didn't help me water the seeds. You didn't help me hoe the weeds, thresh the wheat, grind the wheat to make flour, make the bread, nor bake the bread. Now, you may not help me eat the bread. I will do it myself.
Voice 3: And she did!
All: Oh, chicken feathers!