

The Little Red Hen

Story Telling at ESJ

Actions for the animal characters:

Hen – make wings with arms

Dog – make ears with hands

Cat – mime stroking whiskers

Duck – use hand to make a beak

Once upon a time (open hands like a book) there was a little red hen who lived on a farm. Early one morning, (move arm over head to show sunrise) she woke up (big stretch) and went outside. There she found some corn.

“Who will help me plant the corn?” (mime placing seed into soil) said the little red hen.

“Not I,” said the dog.

“Not I,” said the cat.

“Not I,” said the duck.

(Hands on hips) “Oh very well, I’ll do it myself,” said the little red hen – and so she did! (mime planting corn)

“Who will help me water the corn?” (rain action with fingers) said the little red hen.

“Not I,” said the dog.

“Not I,” said the cat.

“Not I,” said the duck.

(Hands on hips) “Oh very well, I’ll do it myself,” said the little red hen – and so she did! (rain action)

The corn grew and grew and grew. (raise hands higher and higher each time you say ‘grew’) The little red hen waited and waited and waited until it was ready to harvest.

“Who will help me cut the corn?” (cutting action with fingers) said the little red hen.

“Not I,” said the dog.

“Not I,” said the cat.

“Not I,” said the duck.

(Hands on hips) “Oh very well, I’ll do it myself,” said the little red hen – and so she did! (cutting action)

“Who will help me carry the corn to the mill?” (mime holding sack over shoulder) said the little red hen.

“Not I,” said the dog.

“Not I,” said the cat.

“Not I,” said the duck.

(Hands on hips) “Oh very well, I’ll do it myself,” said the little red hen – and so she did! (mime holding sack over shoulder)

"Who will help me grind the corn?" (mime turning handle of machine) said the little red hen.

"Not I," said the dog.

"Not I," said the cat.

"Not I," said the duck.

(Hands on hips) "Oh very well, I'll do it myself," said the little red hen – and so she did! (mime turning handle of machine)

The little red hen ground the corn until it became flour, put it in a sack and carried it home.

"Who will help me bake the bread?" said the little red hen.

"Not I," said the dog.

"Not I," said the cat.

"Not I," said the duck.

(Hands on hips) "Oh very well, I'll do it myself," said the little red hen – and so she did! (finger point for each word). She mixed (mime holding bowl and mixing) and kneaded (mime) until the dough was ready to be cooked. She put it in the oven and waited for the bread to bake. The smell was delicious! (rub tummy)

"Who will help me eat the bread?" (eating action) said the little red hen.

"I will," said the dog.

"I will," said the cat.

"I will," said the duck.

"Oh no you won't. (wiggle finger from side to side) I'll eat it myself," said the little red hen – and so she did (eating action)!
The end (close hands like a book).