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Once Upon a Time...
Storytelling activities



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My Retelling Hand

Setting
 - When does the story take place?
 (It can include the day or night or seasons or the year)
 - Where does the story take place?
 (A story can take place in more than one place)

Beginning
 What happened in the beginning of the story?

Middle - Problem
 What went wrong in the story?
 What happened?

End - Solution
 - How was the problem fixed or resolved?
 What happened?

You
 How did the story make you feel?

Characters
 Who are the people, animals, or creatures in the story?
 (Include all the characters mentioned in the story, not just the main ones)

Remember
 A good reader tells you that you need to describe the characters/feelings.

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Beginning

Middle ?

End ✓

The Ugly Duckling

Hans Christian Andersen, Danish Fairy tale

It was a warm summer day. Mommy Duck was sitting in her nest waiting for her eggs to hatch. Suddenly, she heard a crackling noise. "Quick!" she called to the other ducks. "Come and see! My eggs are hatching." With a pop and "Peep! Peep!" six tiny yellow ducklings appeared. "Ahhhhh!" the other ducks sighed. "What sweet little ducklings! Look at their bright little eyes, pretty little beaks, and little wobbly legs." Mommy Duck glowed with pride. But the largest egg of all was still there. Mommy Duck didn't remember laying such a huge egg.

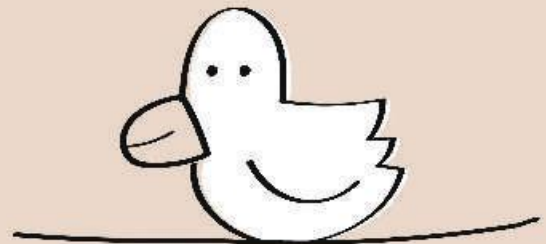
Suddenly the large egg cracked open, and a big baby bird pooped out of the egg. "Oh!" gasped Mommy Duck. The last duckling was big and grey. It had huge feet and a broad beak. "What an ugly duckling!" said the other ducks. "He's not ugly!" said Mommy Duck. "He's special!"

The next day, Mommy Duck took all her little ones to the farm to meet the other animals. "What lovely ducklings!" said the farm animals. And then, they saw the big, grey duckling. "He's so... grey!" said the cow. "He's so... big!" said the horse. "He's so... ugly!" said the sheep. "Nobody wants me," thought the big, grey duckling. As days went by, things started becoming worse for the duckling. Every day he was pecked, mocked, taunted, and pushed by the other animals. Wherever he went, everyone was mean to him. "Have you ever seen anything uglier than this?" said the goat. "Ha ha ha... he seems to be getting uglier by the day," said the hen. Even his brothers and sisters were rude to him. He was feeling lonely. "Everybody hates me just because I'm ugly!" whispered the big, grey duckling and decided to run far away from the farm. At last, he ended up in a river where only wild ducks lived. The wild ducks told him "You're so ugly! You can't stay here. Go away!" The big, grey duckling moved away from those wild ducks and kept going until he came to a big lake where only frogs lived. "What a funny-looking duckling!" said the frogs. "Can I stay here?" said the duckling. "I have nowhere to go." "You're ugly... OK, stay here but don't get in our way," said the frogs. "If nobody wants me, then I'll hide in the reeds forever!" sniffed the big, grey duckling.

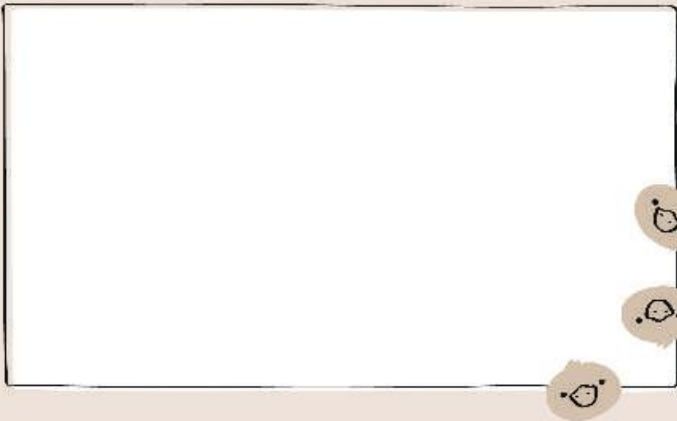
It was fall, now. The leaves turned brown, yellow, orange, and red. The big, grey duckling was sitting by the lake, looking at the sky when he saw a flock of magnificent, white, and graceful birds gliding through the sky. "Wow!" she exclaimed.

"I wish I looked like these beautiful birds!" Winter followed. The forest turned white and a very cold wind set in. The big, grey duckling was ashamed to show himself, so he stayed hidden in the reeds. He spent a long, cold, and lonely winter, struggling to survive. "I wish I had never been born," he sobbed.

At last, the snow melted away. It was spring! One warm spring morning, he peered out of his hiding place and saw a swan. One of those magnificent, white, and graceful birds he had seen in the fall, was paddling in the lake. The big, grey duckling was ashamed of himself and immediately curled back to his hideout, afraid he would be teased. To his surprise, the swan told him "Why are you hiding here? Why don't you come out and join us?" "He must be talking to somebody else," thought the duckling, but then he got a glimpse of his reflection in the lake and couldn't believe his eyes! His ugly feathers were now snowy white. His neck was curved and slender. He no longer was an ugly and repulsive duckling. "I'm a swan!" he cried happily. "I'm not an ugly duckling at all!" Just then a family of six young ducks waddled along the river bank with their mother. "What a beautiful swan!" they quacked. When Mommy Duck saw him, recognized her ugly duckling. "I always knew he was special," she said to herself. At the same time, the other swans came towards him and stroked him with their beaks. "I wish I had received the same love and affection when I was ugly," he thought. But then he felt very happy to be among friends.



10. Imagine you are the little ugly duckling.
Where will you go? What kinds of animals will you meet?



11. Imagine you are the ugly duckling of the story.

Send an email to Mommy Duck to tell her you're not an ugly duckling anymore.

Also write:

- how you look like
- where you live
- who you live with
- how you feel

To:
Subject:
From:
Send: Attach:

12. Wishes

What are the three ugly duckling's wishes?



What are your three wishes?



08. Read and Match.

- 01. Granny! What big ears you have! All the better to see you with.
- 01. Granny! What a big nose you have! All the better to hear you with.
- 01. Granny! What big eyes you have! All the better to eat you with.
- 01. Granny! What a big mouth you have! All the better to smell you with.

09. Complete the sentences.

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- can with my
- can with my

What's the 5th sense?

- can with my

10. Printable characters.

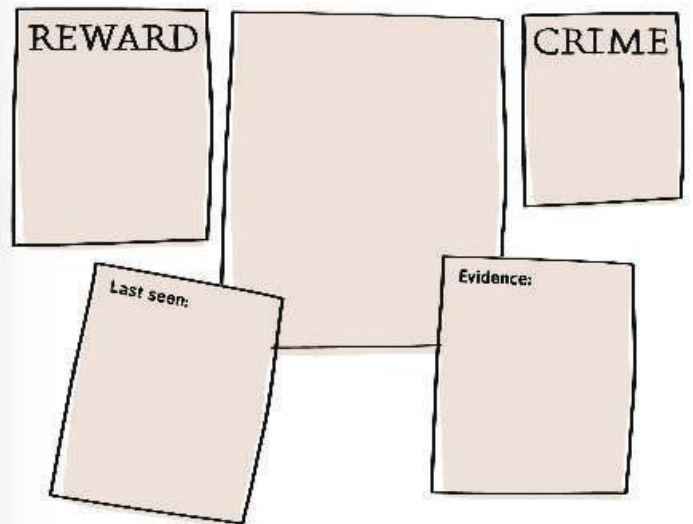
cut, color, glue to popsicle sticks to re-tell the story.



11. Complete the "Wanted" poster. (template)

WANTED

Name: _____



Physical Description: _____

Personality Traits: _____



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