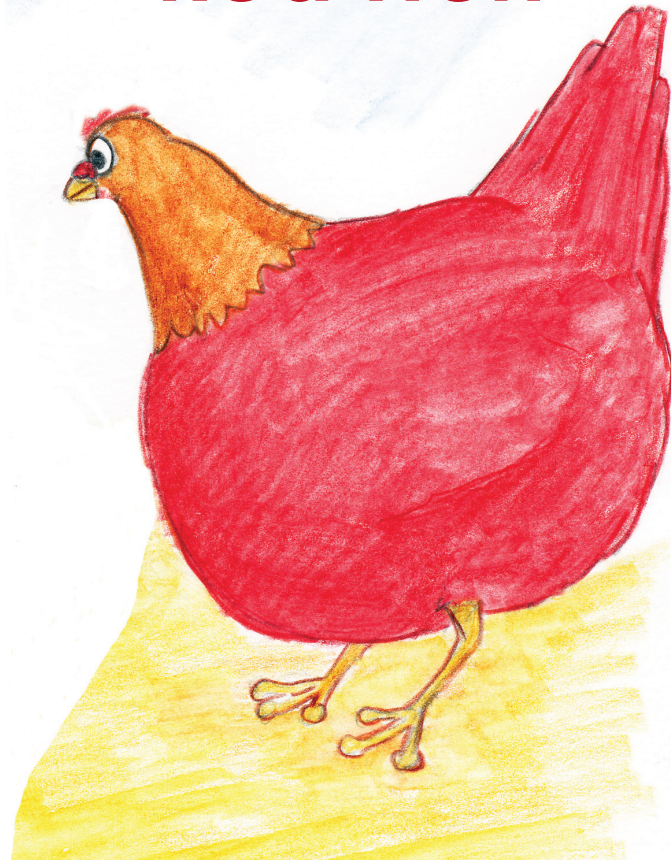


Bess, the Red Hen





Dedicated to children everywhere...

To all whom you meet, be truthful and kind.

Make the right choices, and good things you'll find!

Love others and smile - let your best actions lead.

Have fun, and have faith, and learn how to read!

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Bess, the Red Hen



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Ted has a red hen for a pet.



Bess, the hen, likes Ted.



**Bess is in a pen.
Bess is well fed.**



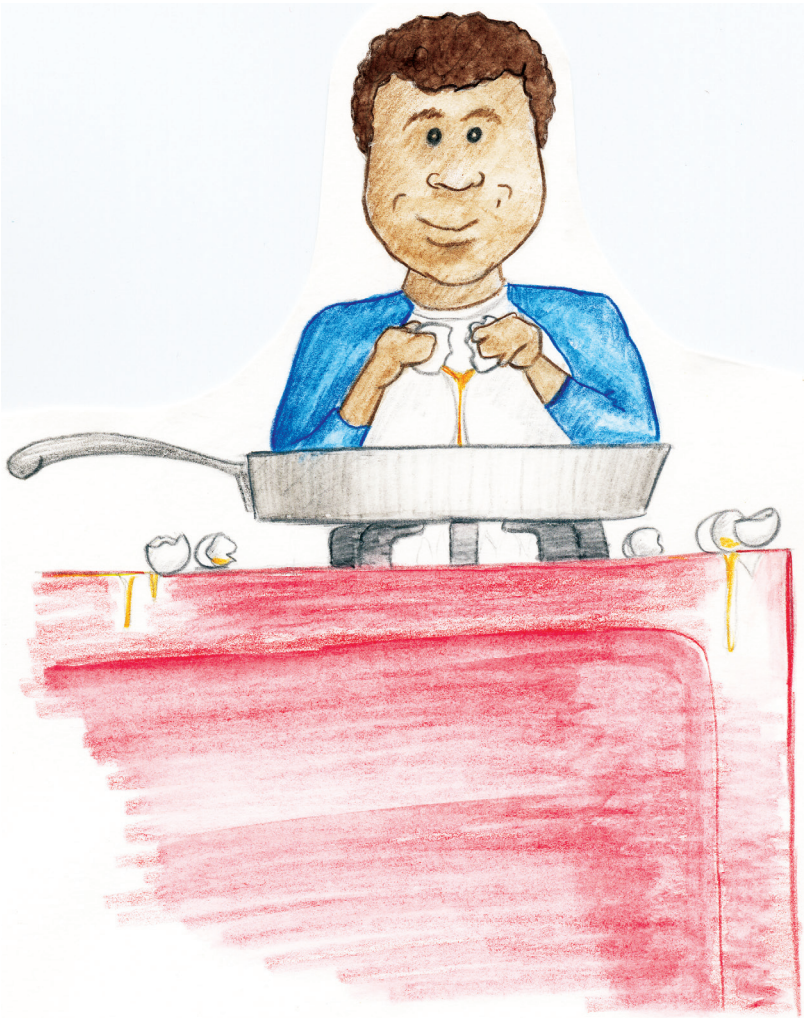
**Look, Ted!
Look at Bess in the pen!**



Bess has ten eggs!



**Ted gets the eggs.
Ted pets Bess.**



Ted puts the ten eggs in a pan.



Ted is too well fed!

Conversation Station

A Place to Talk and Smile

Comprehension (discussion with reader)

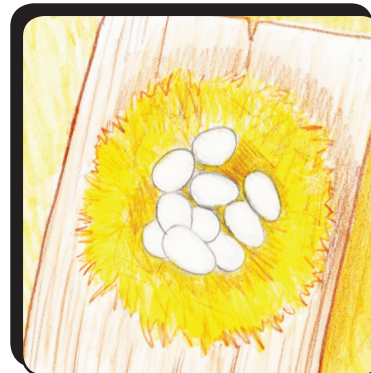
1. What kind of an animal is Bess?
2. Where does Bess live?
3. What kind of food does Bess give Ted?
4. What does Ted do with Bess's eggs?
5. Pretend that you are Ted. Tell a story in your own words about your pet hen, Bess.

Conversation Time

1. Do you like to eat eggs?
2. Could you eat ten eggs, as Ted did? Would that be a good idea?
3. What do you think might have happened if Bess remained sitting on her eggs?
4. Do you know that baby chicks hatch from eggs?
5. What does the inside of an egg look like?
6. What is the yellow part called? (yolk) How about the white part? (white)
7. Eggs can be very fragile. Do you know what "fragile" means?
8. Female (girl) chickens are called hens. Male (boy) chickens are called roosters. Was Bess a girl or a boy?

Sequencing

Draw a line to the numbers to show the order in which these things happened in the story. Can you remember? (If you prefer, you can point to them.)



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these people too! They have
signed their names here:



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