

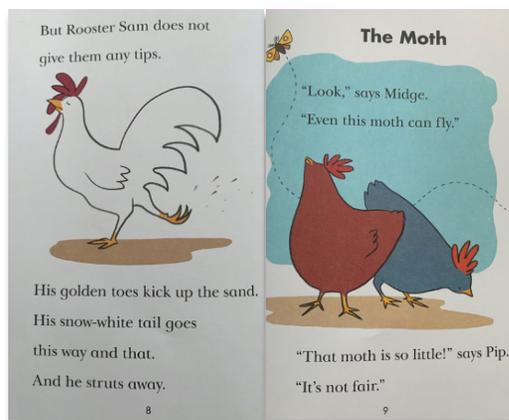
The Loopy Coop Hens

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Reading with your child is an excellent way to expose your child to words, topics, and ideas that are more complex than what they would see in books they can read on their own.

Conversations will help increase your child’s oral language skills and build their vocabulary. C.A.R. is a conversation starter that you can use with your child any time.

Below is an example of how to use C.A.R. with the book, *The Loopy Coop Hens*.



C.A.R.	Example
<p>C Comment and Wait (count to 5) *Make a comment about what you see on the page.</p>	<p><i>Adult:</i> Look at the sand he is kicking up.</p> <p><i>Child:</i> I love sand! It feels rough.</p>
<p>A Ask questions and Wait (count to 5) *Ask questions that do not have a “yes/ no” or one-word answer to them.</p>	<p><i>Adult:</i> What do you think strut means?</p> <p><i>Child:</i> Maybe to walk pretty.</p>
<p>R Respond by adding a little more to the child’s response.</p>	<p><i>Adult:</i> Yes. To walk with a stiff or straight back as if you are feeling confident.</p>



Activities	Parent Tips
<p>Create Your Own Chicken Coop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Design a blueprint for a chicken coop. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Things to consider: • Chickens need proper ventilation through windows, roof vents, fans etc. • Chickens need shelter to keep warm and dry to stay healthy. • Chickens need sturdy floors. • Chickens need proper lighting. <p>Now utilize recycled materials or other household materials to follow your plan to build your chicken coop.</p>	<p>While reading this book take the time to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Make observations or describe Midge, Dot, and Pip. Then make observations or describe Rooster Sam. » Compare the list you made for the hens (Midge, Dot, and Pip) to the list you made for Rooster Sam. How are they alike? How are they different? » Make connections throughout the story. For example, the hens wish they could fly, but flying is hard. They never gave up though. Have you ever practiced something that was hard for you to do? How did you get better? Did you master the task?
More Activities	Related Books/Resources
<p>Feather Painting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Materials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feathers (real or artificial) • Sticks • Tape • Paint • Paper » Instructions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gather feathers together and tape onto stick OR use a single feather as a paintbrush. • Use feather to make a design or paint on your paper. • Try multiple ways of painting and make observations about the similarities and differences among each tool. <p style="text-align: center;">“I’m a Little Chicken” Song To the tune of I’m a Little Teapot</p> <p style="text-align: center;">I’m a little chicken, Ready to hatch, Pecking at my shell, Scratch, scratch, scratch.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">When I crack it open, Out I’ll leap, Fluff up my feathers and Cheep, cheep, cheep!</p>	<p>More books about hens and roosters:</p> <p><i>With Love, Little Red Hen</i> by Alma Flor Ada</p> <p><i>Chickens Aren’t the Only Ones</i> by Ruth Heller</p> <p><i>Four Hens and a Rooster</i> by Lena Landstrom</p> <p><i>From Egg to Chicken</i> by Gerald Scrace Legg</p> <p><i>Who Made a Hole in the Chicken Coop</i> by Malvika Patel</p> <p><i>My Life as a Chicken</i> by Ellen A. Kelley</p> <p>Books about perseverance:</p> <p><i>Beautiful Oops</i> by Barney Saltzberg</p> <p><i>Giraffes Can’t Dance</i> by Giles Andreae</p> <p><i>The Most Magnificent Thing</i> by Ashley Spires</p> <p><i>Rosie Revere Engineer</i> by Andrea Beaty</p>

