

WHAT THE LADYBIRD HEARD

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Once upon a farm lived a fat red hen,
A duck on a pond and a goose in a pen,
A woolly sheep, a hairy hog,
A handsome horse and a dainty dog,
A cat that miaowed and a cat that purred,
A fine prize cow ... and a ladybird.

The cow said, "MOO!"
And the hen said, "CLUCK"
"HISS!" said the goose
and "QUACK!" said the duck.
"NEIGH!" said the horse.
"OINK!" said the hog.
"BAA!" said the sheep
and "WOOF!" said the dog.
One cat miaowed while the other cat purred.

But the ladybird said never a word.



Unit 3: What the Ladybird Heard

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

1. Write the words from the poem that rhyme with:

hen _____
cluck _____
hog _____



1 mark

2. Match the animal to its description

sheep
horse
dog
hog
hen

hairy
dainty
fat
woolly
handsome



1 mark

3. How many cats lived on the farm?



1 mark

4. Choose two words that describe the cow.

"A fine prize cow ... and a ladybird." (line 6)



1 mark

5. How was the ladybird different from all of the other animals?



1 mark

6. Explain why the farm was a noisy place.



1 mark