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Good morning chickens.

Today we are going to continue to learn about the life cycle of animals and this time it will beCHICKENS!

Watch the short video then answer the questions.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EUJa6Gi4VK0>

WALT – use retrieval skills to answer questions

WALT – use inference skills to answers questions

Chicken Life Cycle

Chickens are the most common bird on earth. There are around 175 different varieties and about 60 different breeds of chicken. One popular breed is the Rhode Island Red. Chickens are very social animals and like to live as part of a group. Their groups are called flocks. Each flock has some chicks, hens and a rooster. Chickens have their own language of over 30 chicken sounds. Chickens have full colour vision and have dreams when they sleep, just like us! Chickens eat worms, insects, seeds, grains, fruits, vegetables, and lots more. Chickens don't have teeth; they swallow their food whole into a part of their stomach called the gizzard that has tiny stones in it, which help to grind up their food.



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What happens during the first stage of the chicken life cycle?

Egg

The hen lays an egg; they can do this without cockerels. The unfertilized eggs are what humans bake cakes and other foods with and eat cooked as boiled, fried, poached or scrambled eggs. Only if the egg is fertilized by a cockerel, can it become a chick. Chickens lay more eggs when it's warmer. Chicken eggs can be brown, white, blue, bluish green and pink. The hen incubates the eggs by sitting on them to keep them warm. The incubation period for a chicken egg is about 21 days. The yellow part inside the egg is the yolk, which gives the chick the food it needs to grow.



Questions about the Chicken Life Cycle

Answer the questions below in full sentences.

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3. What can humans make with eggs?

4. Why do only some eggs become chicks?

5. How long is the incubation period? How does the hen incubate the egg?



Answers

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3. What can humans make with eggs?

The unfertilized eggs are what humans bake cakes and other foods with and eat cooked as boiled, fried, poached or scrambled eggs.

4. Why do only some eggs become chicks?

Only some eggs become chicks because it's only if the egg is fertilized by a cockerel that it can become a chick.

5. How long is the incubation period? How does the hen incubate the egg?

The hen incubates the eggs by sitting on them to keep them warm. The incubation period for a chicken egg is about 21 days.