

I Read with Pictures

Read aloud. Join in. Colour. Tell stories.

Your child listens to a story, joins in and colours the pictures. The pictures help your child tell the story too, even before they can read.

Read the story and the bold activity prompts aloud. The symbols show where your child can join in. Then pause to look, count or try something out. Your child can also point to something in the picture or simply listen.

The notes in italics are just for you. They tell you when to pause or make a sound.

On page 3, your child chooses a companion or invents a character. Someone they know can come along too. When you see ☆, read out the chosen name. Your child can draw their companion into any picture.

At the end, your child makes up a new story about a new picture. Then they can use the pictures on the last page to retell the adventure.

Discover new words

Small numbers lead to explanations and related words at the bottom of the page. Read them together and try the words out.

The symbols guide you



Listen closely



Look carefully



Colour and draw



Talk and tell stories



Join in



Your companion's name · page 3

Who is coming with you?

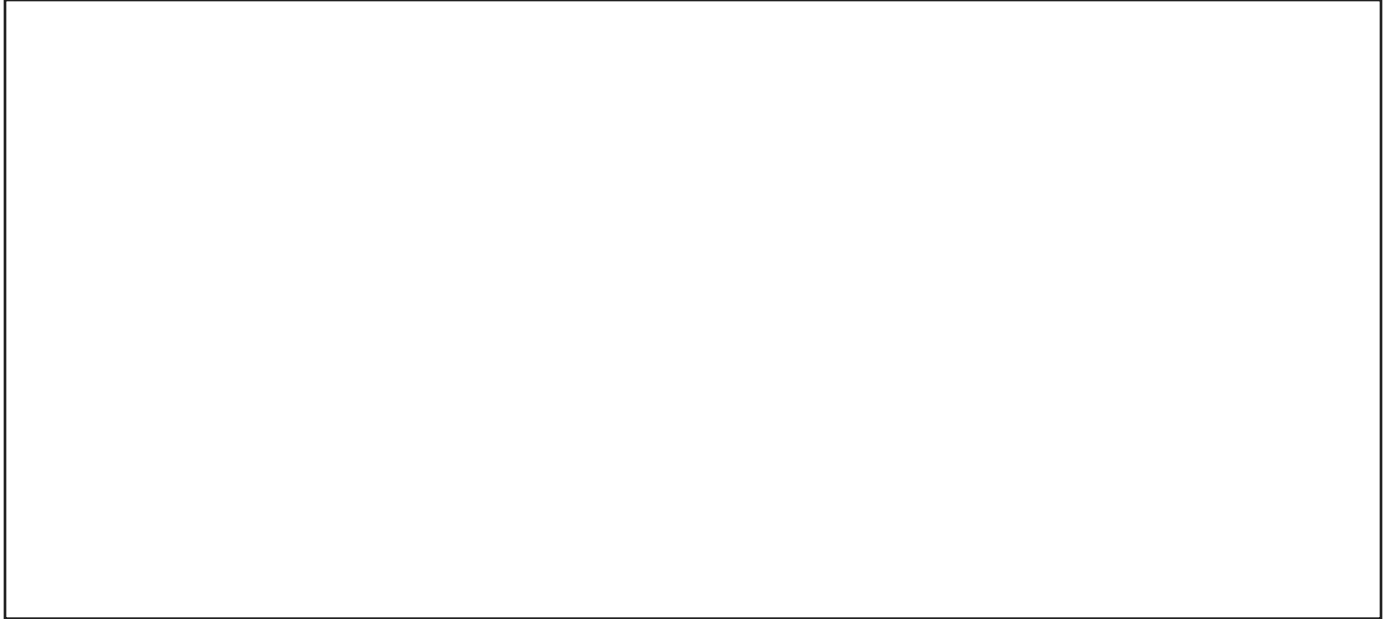
Choose someone to come on your adventure – or make up a character of your own.

Your name: _____

My companion's name: _____

When you see ☆, read out your companion's name.

This is what my companion looks like:

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for a drawing of the companion.

Welcome to the farm

You push open the farm gate. It creaks¹.

A big tractor stands in front of you. Hay bales lie beside the barn. A rooster crows, "Cock-a-doodle-doo!"

☆ is with you. The farmer waves.

"Lovely to see you!"

Then you hear some excited clucking. It is coming from the hen house. What is going on?

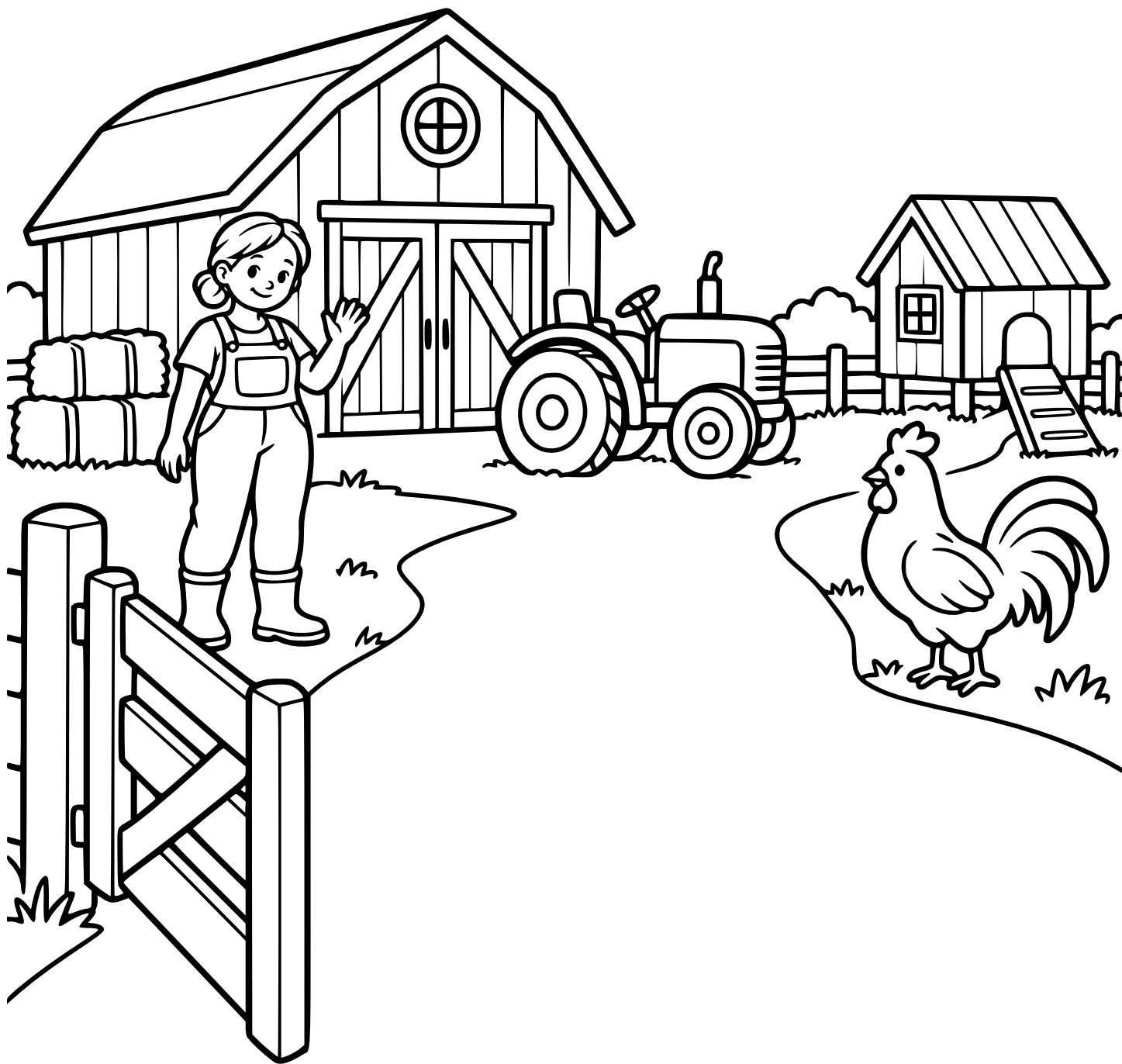
 **If you like, draw ☆ on the path.**

 **Where are you now?**

Discover new words

¹ creak: to make a rough, squeaky sound, like an old door.

Related words: squeak, groan.



A chick is missing

By the hen house, Hennrietta the hen hurries to and fro.
Little chicks scurry¹ around her.

👁 **Look in the nest. What do you see?**

The nest is empty.

“Hennrietta has five chicks,” says the farmer.

👉 **Count together. Point to each chick.**

“There are only four here. One is missing!”

You spot little footprints in the dust.

👉 **Trace the footprints with your finger. Start at the hen house.**

The footprints lead away from the hen house.

“We’ll help look!” you say to ☆.

✎ **If you like, draw ☆ to the left of the chicks.**

Discover new words

¹ scurry: to move about with quick little steps.

Related words: scamper, hurry.

