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Once upon a time down on an old _____Noun_____, lived a duck family, and Mother Duck had been _____Adjective_____ on a clutch of new _____Noun_____. One _____Adjective_____ morning, the eggs hatched and out popped six _____Adjective_____ ducklings. But one egg was bigger than the rest, and it didn't hatch. Mother Duck couldn't recall laying that seventh egg. How did it get there? TOCK! TOCK! The little _____Noun_____ was pecking inside his shell.

"Did I count the eggs _____Adjective_____?" Mother Duck _____Verb - Past Tense_____. But before she had time to think about it, the last egg finally hatched. A _____Adjective_____ looking duckling with _____Adjective_____ feathers that should have been _____Adjective_____ gazed at a _____Adjective_____ mother. The ducklings grew quickly, but Mother Duck had a secret worry.

"I can't understand how this ugly duckling can be one of mine!" she said to herself, _____Verb - Base Form_____ her head as she looked at her last born. Well, the gray duckling certainly wasn't _____Adjective_____, and since he ate far more than his brothers, he was outgrowing them. As the days went by, the _____Adjective_____ ugly duckling became more and more _____Adjective_____. His brothers didn't want to _____Verb - Base Form_____ with him, he was so _____Adjective_____, and all the farmyard folks simply _____Verb - Past Tense_____ at him. He felt sad and _____Adverb_____, while Mother Duck did her best to console him.

"Poor little ugly duckling!" she would say. "Why are you so different from the others?" And the ugly duckling felt worse than ever. He secretly _____Adverb_____ at night. He felt nobody wanted him.

"Nobody loves me, they all _____Verb - Base Form_____ me! Why am I different from my brothers?"

Then one day, at sunrise, he ran away from the farmyard. He stopped at a pond and began to question all the other birds. "Do you know of any ducklings with _____Adjective_____ feathers like mine?" But everyone shook their _____Noun_____ in scorn.

"We don't know anyone as ugly as you." The ugly duckling did not lose heart, however, and kept on making _____Noun_____. He went to another pond, where a pair of large geese gave him the same answer to his question. What's more, they warned him: "Don't stay here! Go away! It's dangerous. There are men with guns around here !" The duckling was _____Adverb_____ he had ever left the farmyard.

Then _____Adjective_____ day, his travels took him near an old _____Noun_____ cottage. Thinking he was a stray goose, she caught him.

"I'll put this in a hutch. I hope it's a female and lays plenty of eggs!" said the old woman, whose eyesight was poor. But the ugly duckling laid not a single egg. The hen kept _____Verb - Present ends in ING_____ him.

"Just wait! If you don't lay eggs, the old woman will wring your neck and _____Verb - Base Form_____ you into the pot !" And the _____Noun_____ chipped in: "Hee! Hee! I hope the woman cooks you, then I can _____Verb - Base Form_____ at your bones!" The poor ugly duckling was so scared that he lost his appetite, though the old woman kept stuffing him with food and _____Verb - Present ends in ING_____: "If you won't lay eggs, at least hurry up and get plump !"

"Oh, dear me!" moaned the now _____Adjective_____ duckling. "I'll die of fright first! And I did so hope someone would love me!"

Then one night, finding the hutch door ajar, he escaped. Once again he was all alone. He fled as far away as he could, and at dawn, he found himself in a _____Adjective_____ bed of reeds. "If nobody wants me, I'll _____Noun_____ here forever." There was plenty a food, and the duckling began to feel a little happier, though he was _____Adverb_____. One day at sunrise, he saw a flight of beautiful birds wing overhead. White, with long slender necks, yellow beaks and large wings, they were _____Verb - Present ends in ING_____ south.

"If only I could look like them, just for a day!" said the duckling, admiringly. Winter came and the water in the reed bed froze. The poor duckling left home to _____Verb - Base Form_____ food in the snow. He dropped exhausted to the ground, but a farmer found him and put him in his big jacket pocket.

"I'll take him home to my children. They'll look after him. Poor thing, he's frozen!" The duckling was showered with _____Adverb_____ care at the farmer's house. In this way, the ugly duckling was able to survive the bitterly cold winter.

However, by springtime, he had grown so big that the farmer decided: "I'll set him free by the pond!" That was when the duckling saw himself mirrored in the water.

"Goodness! How I've changed! I hardly recognize myself!" The flight of swans winged north again and glided on to the pond. When the duckling saw them, he _____Verb - Past Tense_____ he was one of their kind, and soon made friends.

"We're swans like you!" they said, _____Adverb_____. "Where have you been hiding?"

"It's a long story," replied the young swan, still astounded. Now, he swam _____Adverb_____ with his fellow swans . One day, he heard children on the river bank exclaim: "Look at that young swan! He's the _____Adjective - Ends in EST_____ of them all!"

And he almost _____Adjective_____ with happiness.

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