

Hide-and-seek

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1.

Today, Pullet, Hedgehog, Sheep, Pig, Elephant, Squirrel, Parrot, Goat, and Mouse meet in the forest.

"Let's play hide-and-seek", says Pullet.

"Good idea", replies Hedgehog. "You do the counting!"

2.

And everyone scatters and Pullet starts counting.

"1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 100... Watch out, I'm coming!"

3.

And Pullet goes deeper and deeper into the forest. Suddenly, she sees the elephant's trunk:

"Elephant! I've found you!"

4.

"Oops! This is not Elephant's trunk! It's a garden hose!"

5.

Cluck, cluck, cluck, Pullet keeps searching:

"Hedgehog! I've found you!"

6.

"Ouch, ouch, ouch! That's not Hedgehog! It's a bunch of thistles!"

7.

Cluck, cluck, cluck, Pullet keeps searching:

"Mouse! I've found you!"

8.

"Oh! That's not Mouse's tail! It's a badly cleaned brush!"

9.

Pullet is in a playful mood. So, cluck, cluck, cluck, she keeps up the search: she will win, no doubts about it!

"Squirrel ! I've found you!"

10.

"Oh no, that's not Squirrel's tail! It's the end of a broom!"

Pullet starts shouting in the forest:

"For goodness sake, you're pulling my leg!"

11.

But, cluck, cluck, cluck, she keeps on searching.

"Parrot! I've found you!"

12.

"Oops! These are not parrot wings! They are pillow feathers!" Pullet is getting fed up.

13.

Suddenly Pullet meets Mrs. Cow:

"Pullet, have you seen my hose, my decorative thistles, my badly cleaned brush, my broom, and my pillow?"

"Uh huh..."

"My grandchildren came home, and those little devils hid everything!"

14.

Cluck, cluck, cluck, Pullet leads Mrs. Cow into the forest.

15.

Mrs. Cow is all perky. She has finally found all her sweet thingummyjigs and thingummybobs.

"And you, Mrs. Cow, have you seen my friends?"

"Your friends? Those having a snack in the henhouse?"

16.

"Hello, my friends! said Pullet. I've found you! Phew!" All's well that ends well!

Everyone starts laughing, even Pullet who had a great time in the end, cluck, cluck, cluck!

17.

And everyone laughs even more when Mrs. Cow passes the henhouse with her hose, her thistles, her badly cleaned brush, her broom, and her pillow!

"Shall we play tag?" suggests Pullet.

"Good idea!" answers Hedgehog. "You're it!"

"No way! You're going to take me on another wild goose chase!"

18.

Finally, everybody has a good nap.

Such games of hide-and-seek are very tiring, cluck, cluck, cluck!