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The Little Red Hen



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Here is the little red hen.
And here are her friends –
Cat, Duck, and Goose.





‘Look!’ says the little red hen. ‘Seeds!
Wheat seeds! Let’s plant them!
Come on! Who can help me?’

‘Come on! Who can help me?’
says the little red hen.

‘I can’t,’ says Cat. ‘I want to sleep.’



‘Who can help me?’
says the little red hen.

‘I can’t,’ says Duck. ‘I want
to play in the water.’

‘Come on!’ says the little red hen. ‘Who can help me?’
‘I can’t,’ says Goose. ‘I want to sit in the sun.’

All right.



‘All right,’ says the little red hen.
And she does all the work. She
plants all the seeds.

‘The seeds want water. Who can help me?’ says the little red hen.



The seeds want water.

‘Who can help me?’
‘I can’t,’ says Cat. ‘I don’t like water.’

‘Come on!’ says the little red hen. ‘Who can help me?’

‘I can’t,’ says Duck. ‘I want my lunch.’

Who can help me?



‘Who can help me?’

‘I can’t,’ says Goose. ‘I want a walk.’

'All right,' says the little red hen.
And she does all the work.



The sun is warm. The wheat grows.
It grows big and green.

The sun is hot. And now
the wheat is yellow.

We can cut it now.



‘Look!’ says the little red hen.
‘The wheat is yellow. We can cut
it now. Who can help me?’

‘Who can help me?’

‘I can’t,’ says Cat. ‘I want to play.’



Who can help me?

I can't.

‘Who can help me?’

‘I can’t,’ says Duck.

‘I want my lunch.’

‘Who can help me?’

‘I can’t,’ says Goose. ‘I want to play.’



‘All right,’ says the little red hen.
And she does all the work. She cuts
all the wheat.

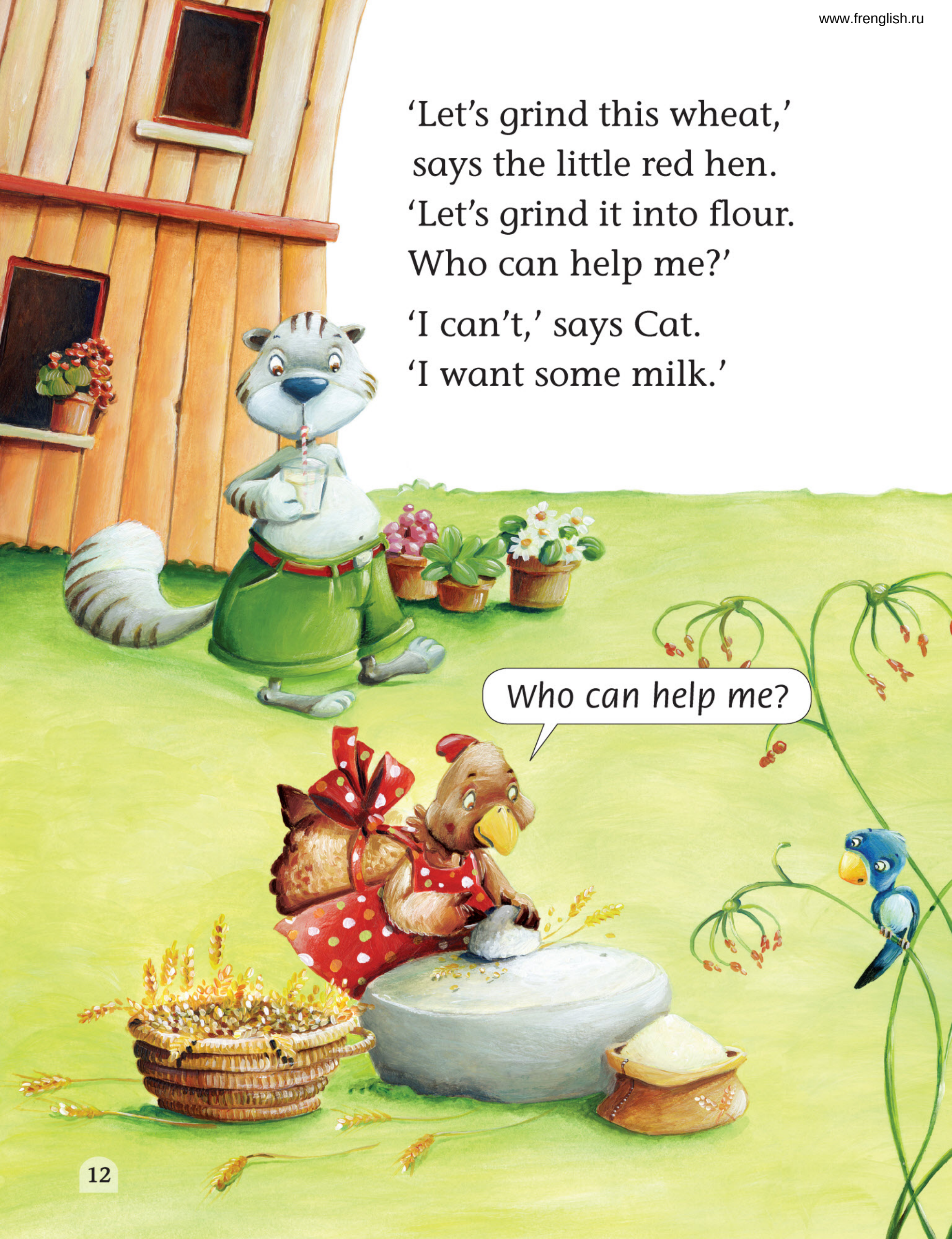
'Let's grind this wheat,'
says the little red hen.

'Let's grind it into flour.
Who can help me?'

'I can't,' says Cat.

'I want some milk.'

Who can help me?



‘Who can help me?’

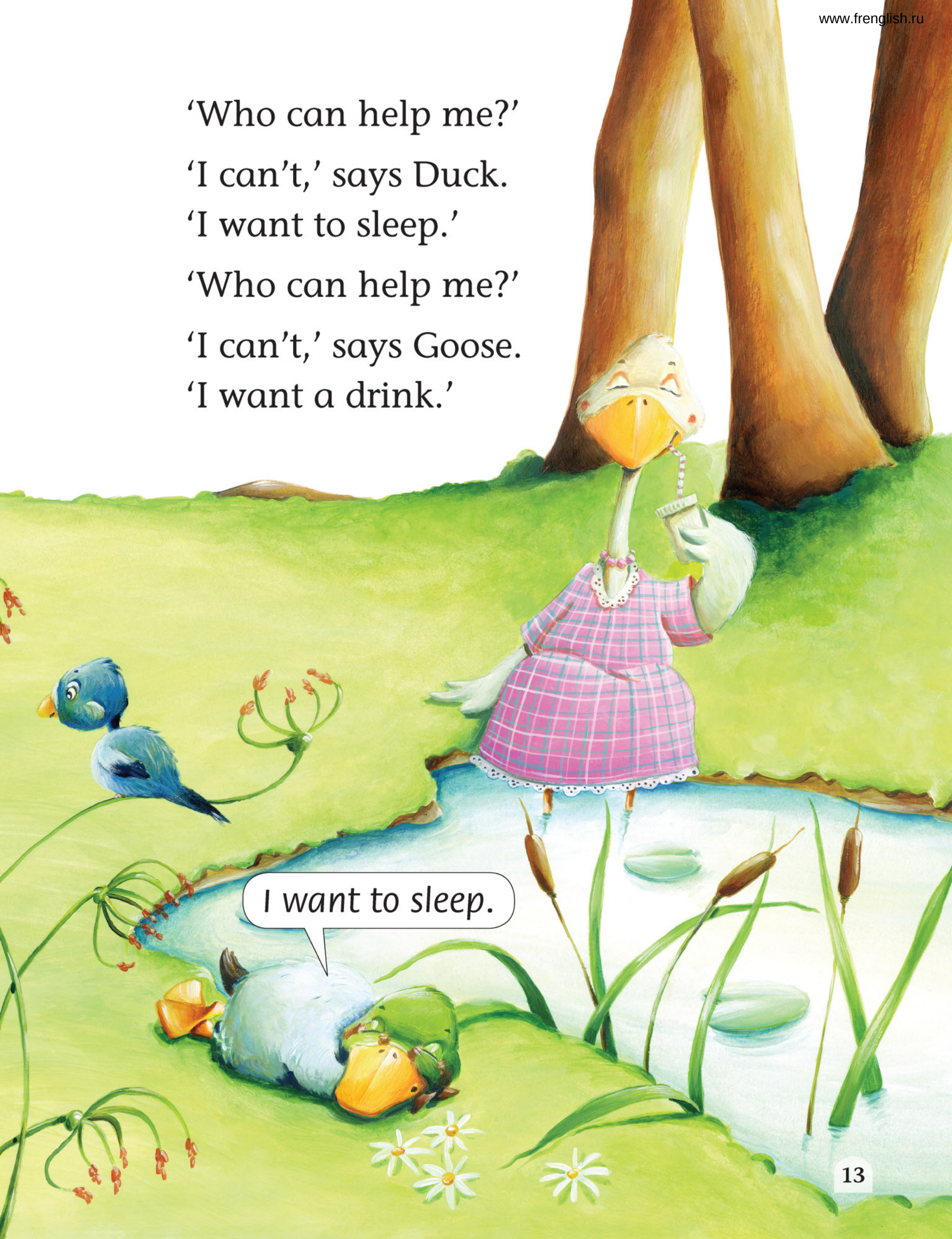
‘I can’t,’ says Duck.

‘I want to sleep.’

‘Who can help me?’

‘I can’t,’ says Goose.

‘I want a drink.’



I want to sleep.

'All right,' says the little red hen.
And she does all the work. She
grinds the wheat into flour.

All right.



‘We can make bread,’ says the little red hen. ‘We can make some bread with this flour.’



‘Come on!’ says the little red hen.
‘Who can help me?’
‘I can’t,’ says Cat. ‘I want to sleep.’

‘Come on!’ says the little red hen.

‘Who can help me?’

‘I can’t,’ says Duck. ‘I want to go in the garden.’



I want to go in the garden.

‘Who can help me?’
says the little red hen.
‘I can’t,’ says Goose.
‘I want to sit and wash.’

I want to sit and wash.



‘All right,’ says the little red hen.
And she does all the work. She
makes all the bread.

‘This bread looks good!’ says the little red hen. ‘It’s time to eat the bread. Who can help me?’



It's time to eat the bread.

‘I can!’ says Cat.

‘I can!’ says Duck.

‘I can!’ says Goose.

But the little red hen thinks.
'No!' she says. 'You can't!
Off you go! Go away and play!'



And she eats all the bread.
All ... all ... all the bread.



Exercises

1 What do they say? Write the words.



I want to sleep.



I want to p_____ in the water.



I want to s_____ and w_____.

2 Who wants what? Join the words and write sentences.

1 Goose

2 Duck

3 The seeds

4 Cat

5 Goose, Cat, and Duck

6 Hen

want

wants

some milk.

some water.

some help.

a drink.

some lunch.

some bread.

1 Goose wants a drink.

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

6 _____

3 How does the little red hen make bread? Number the sentences 1–8.

- ☐ The wheat is yellow.
- ☒ 1 The hen has some wheat seeds.
- ☐ The hen grinds the wheat into flour.
- ☐ The wheat grows.
- ☐ The hen makes bread with the flour.
- ☐ The hen cuts the wheat.
- ☐ The seeds have water.
- ☐ The hen plants the seeds.



4 Write the end of the story again, correcting the mistake in each sentence.

Cat, Duck, and Goose help the little red hen make the bread. The bread doesn't look good. The little red hen doesn't eat all the bread. She wants Cat, Duck, and Goose to help her. Cat, Duck, and Goose have bread for their lunch.



Cat, Duck, and Goose don't help the little red hen make the bread.

Picture Dictionary

bread



friends



cut



garden



drink



go away



duck



goose



flour



grind



grow



sleep



hen



think



lunch



warm *It's warm.*



milk



wash



plant



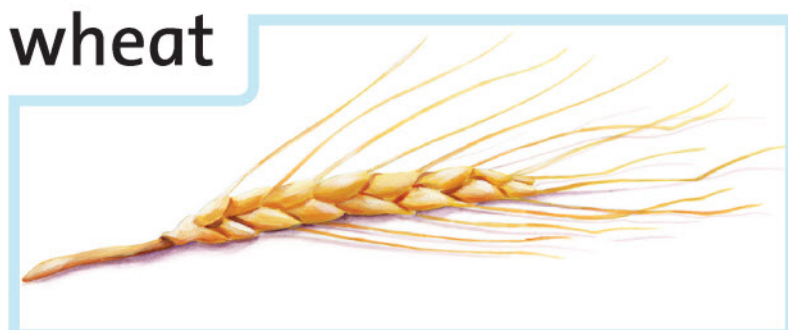
water



seeds



wheat



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