The Little Red Hen
Group-guided reading

Before reading

- Page through the story the learners will read. Talk about the illustrations.
- Ask them to predict what the story will be about; based on the title and the pictures.
- Introduce new or difficult words prior to the learners reading the story.
- Make word cards to introduce new vocabulary. (See the list of new vocabulary in the back inner cover.)

First reading

- Learners should read the text individually.
- Learners should read silently or they can ‘whisper-read’ the text.
- Move from one learner to the next, requesting each learner to read a section of the text aloud.

Discussion

- Ask comprehension questions based on the text.
- Focus on phonics, sight words and vocabulary.
- You will find the activities in the back of this book useful to guide the discussion. (Select appropriate activities for the level of the learners.)

Second reading

- On later days, let learners reread the book, either in pairs or alone.
- Focus on fluency, grammar and vocabulary.
- Let learners complete the group-guided activities which are included in the back of this book. (Select appropriate activities for the level of the learners.)

Learners should do the group-reading activities after reading the story.
Let learners work in groups to complete the appropriate group-reading activities included in the back of the book. They should not write in this book. Written activities should be done in their exercise books.
The Little Red Hen
One day, little red hen found some wheat.

"Who will help me plant this wheat?" she cackled.

"Not I," quacked the duck.

"Not I," honked the goose.

"Not I," snorted the pig.

So she planted it herself.
The wheat grew into a tall plant.

"Who will help me cut this wheat?" cackled the little red hen.
“Not I,” quacked the duckling.  
“Not I,” gobbled the gosling.  
“Not I,” squealed the piglet.  

So she cut it herself.
When the wheat was cut, the little red hen cackled, “Who will help me tie the wheat?”
“Not I,” mooed the cow.
“Not I,” barked the dog.
“Not I,” meowed the cat.

So she tied it herself.
Then the little red hen cackled, "Who will help me grind the wheat?"
“Not I,” bleated the calf.
“Not I,” yapped the puppy.
“Not I,” purred the kitten.
So she ground it herself.
When the wheat was ground into flour, the little red hen cackled, "Who will help me make some bread?"
“Not I,” neighed the horse.  
“Not I,” bleated the sheep.  
“Not I,” brayed the donkey.
So she made the bread herself.
When the bread was baked, the little red hen cackled, “Who will help me eat the bread?”

“We will!,” shouted all the animals.

“No, you won’t,” cackled the little red hen. “I’ll eat it myself.”
She called her little chicks and cackled, “Come and eat this bread.”

And they ate the bread until they were full.

You will reap what you sow!
Group reading activities

1. Tell your friend
   • what you see in each picture
   • which picture should come first, second, third and last
   • Retell the story to your friend. Make sure your story has a beginning, middle and end.

2. Work with a friend. Read the questions and then answer them.
   a. What is the title of the story?
   b. Who is the main character in the story?
   c. What did she want to make?
   d. Who helped her make it?
   e. Who ate the food she made?
   f. What do we call the babies of a duck, goose, pig, cow, dog, cat and hen.
In your exercise book write down the words in the first column. Now write down the words that rhyme with each of them.

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Look at the four words in the middle column. Now tell your friend:
- which picture matches each word
- which sentence matches each word

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Copy one sentence from the story into your exercise book.

a. Draw a picture for the sentence.
b. Write a caption (a heading) for the picture.
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| Content, concepts and skills: | - Talk about pictures.  
- Sequence pictures in the correct order.  
- Use pictures to re-tell the story.  
- Answer questions about the story.  
- Identify rhyming words (word families).  
- Match pictures, words and sentences.  
- Copy one sentence from the story.  
- Draw a picture for the story.  
- Write a caption for your picture.  |
The CAPS requires teachers to allocate some time each day for focused group-guided reading. In group-guided reading, teachers guide learners of a similar reading level, to read the same book, in a group. The reading session should include a range of word attack skills and comprehension strategies that children require when reading. Reading effectively also requires “text talk” between the teacher and learners, and amongst the children in the group. These books include a number of “text talk”, comprehension and other related activities to help teachers direct group reading in their classes.