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A pewit* laid four eggs. *pewit is a kind of bird belonging to the Lapwing family, found in Europe and Asia.



Every day, she sat on the eggs for hours.



She left only to feed herself.



Many days passed like this. She was waiting for her baby pewits to hatch.



One day, she was very hungry. She covered the eggs and went in search of food.





But when she returned...



What?



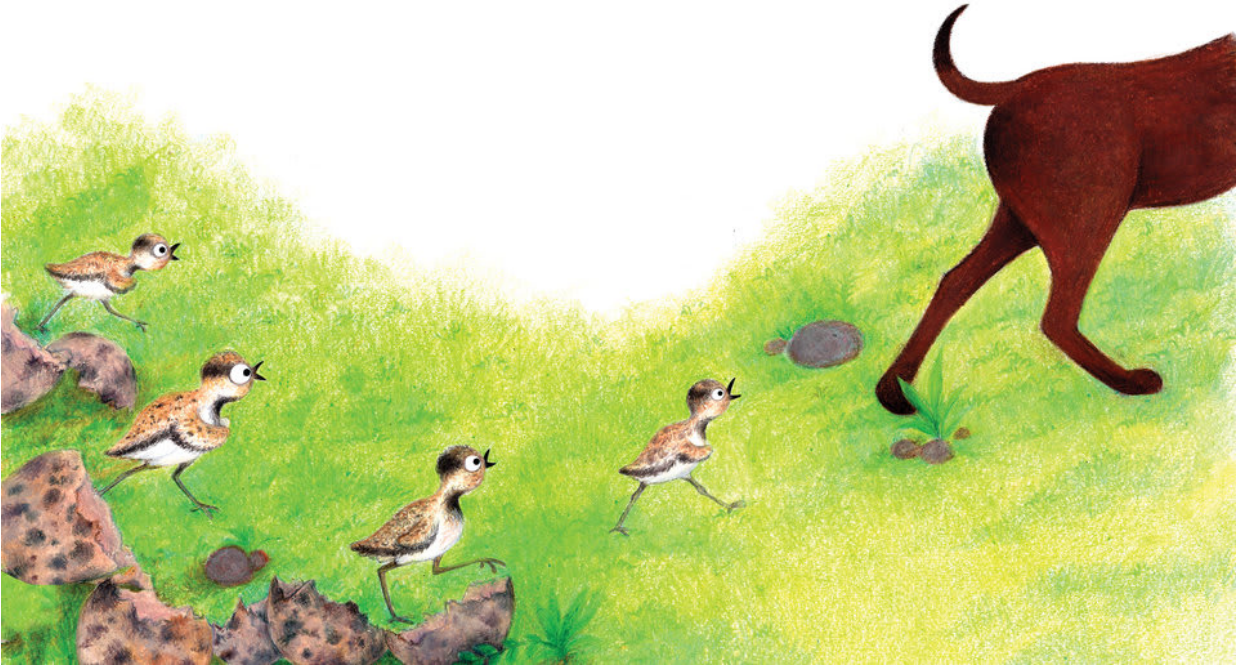
A dog was lying on the warm eggs.
The pewit waited and waited for the
dog to leave.



Morning turned to noon. Noon turned to evening. But the dog didn't move an inch! The warm eggs made a nice place to rest.



Suddenly, one by one, four baby pewees hatched. The dog woke up, too. He started to walk away.



The baby pewees started crying.
“Mama! Mama!” they called to the
dog.



“Mama! Mama!” The dog was confused.



“Mama! Mama! Mama!” But he was not their mother! He had only been taking a cozy nap.



He needed to get away! The dog ran off as fast as he could.



The baby pewits soon got tired.
Mother Pewit said, “Those eggs were
mine! You are my children.”



Hooray! The babies ran to their mother. “Mama! Mama! Mama!” “My babies! I love you,” Mama said.



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The Dog's Eggs (English) A mama bird lays four eggs. One day, when she leaves the nest to search for food, she comes back to find that someone has taken her place! This is a Level 2 book for children who recognize familiar words and can read new words with help.



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