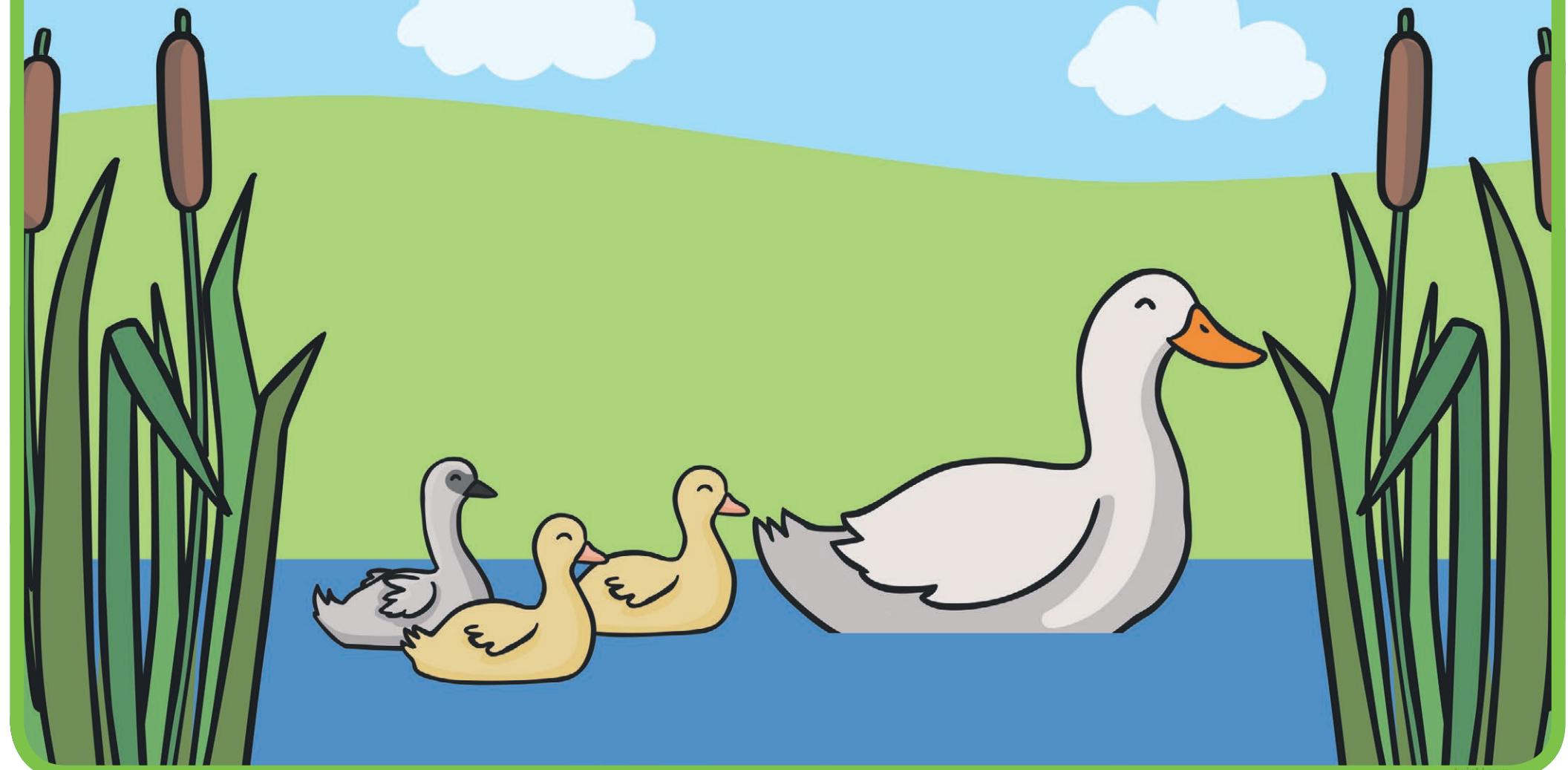
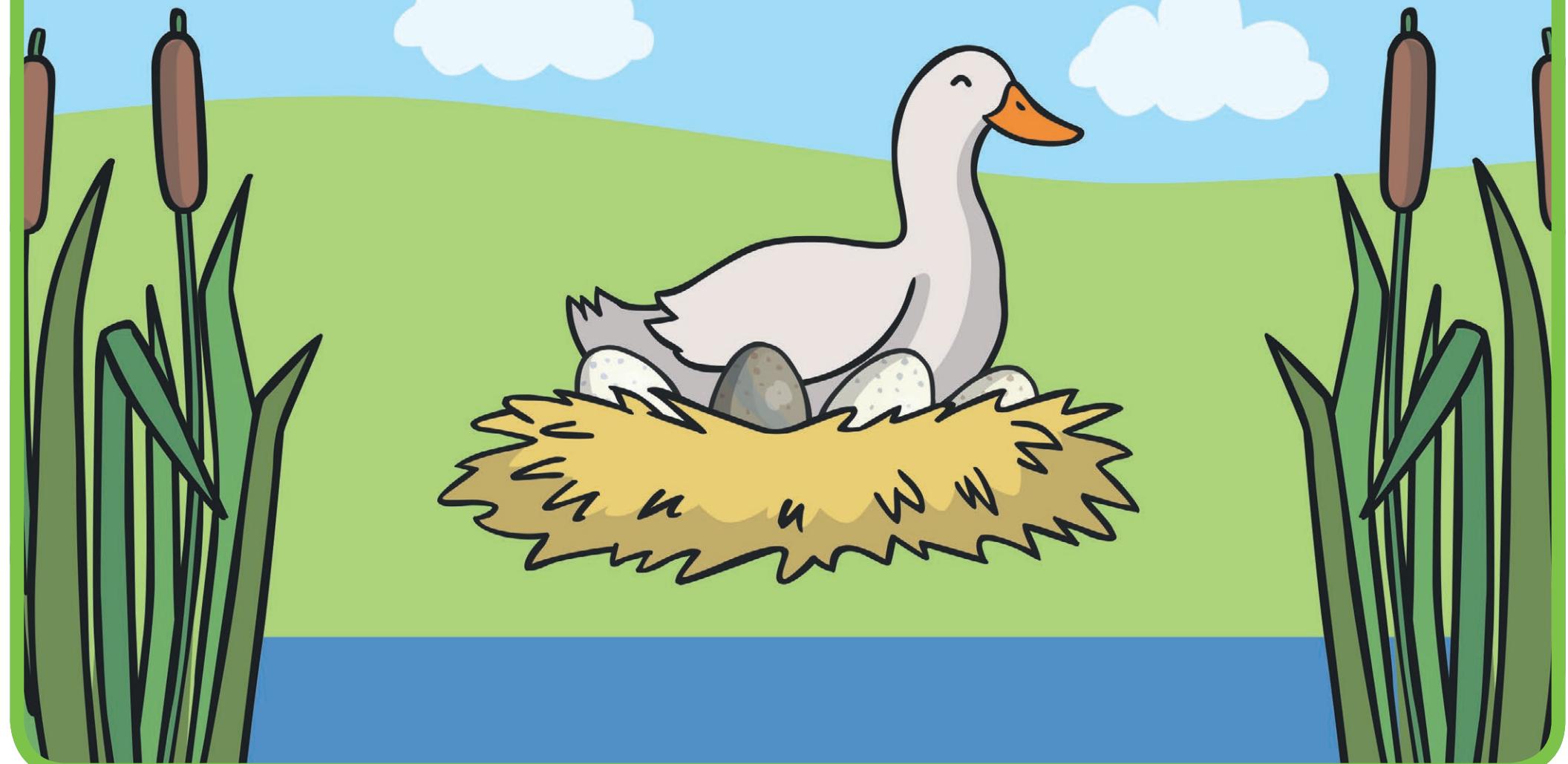


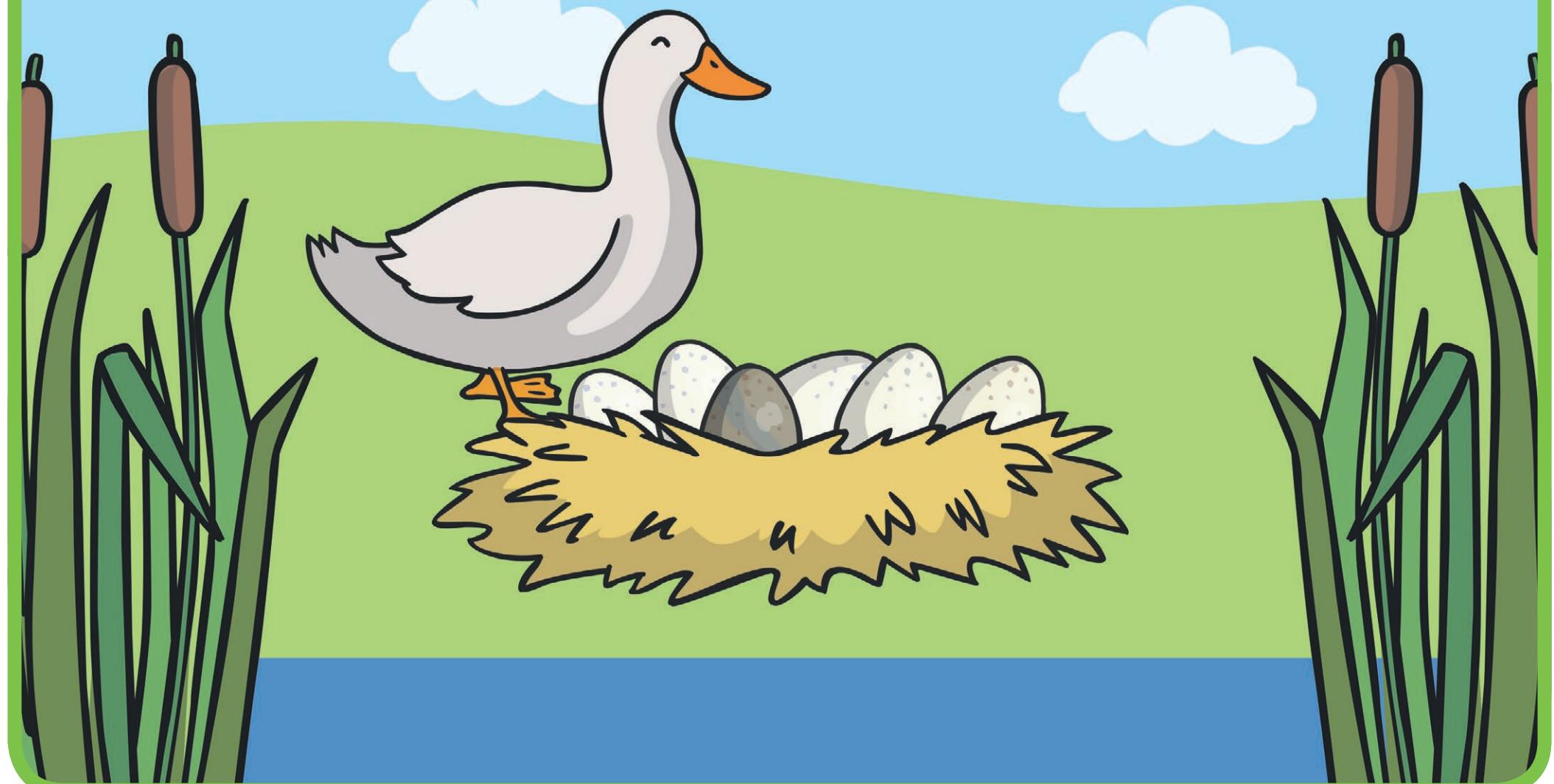
# The Ugly Duckling



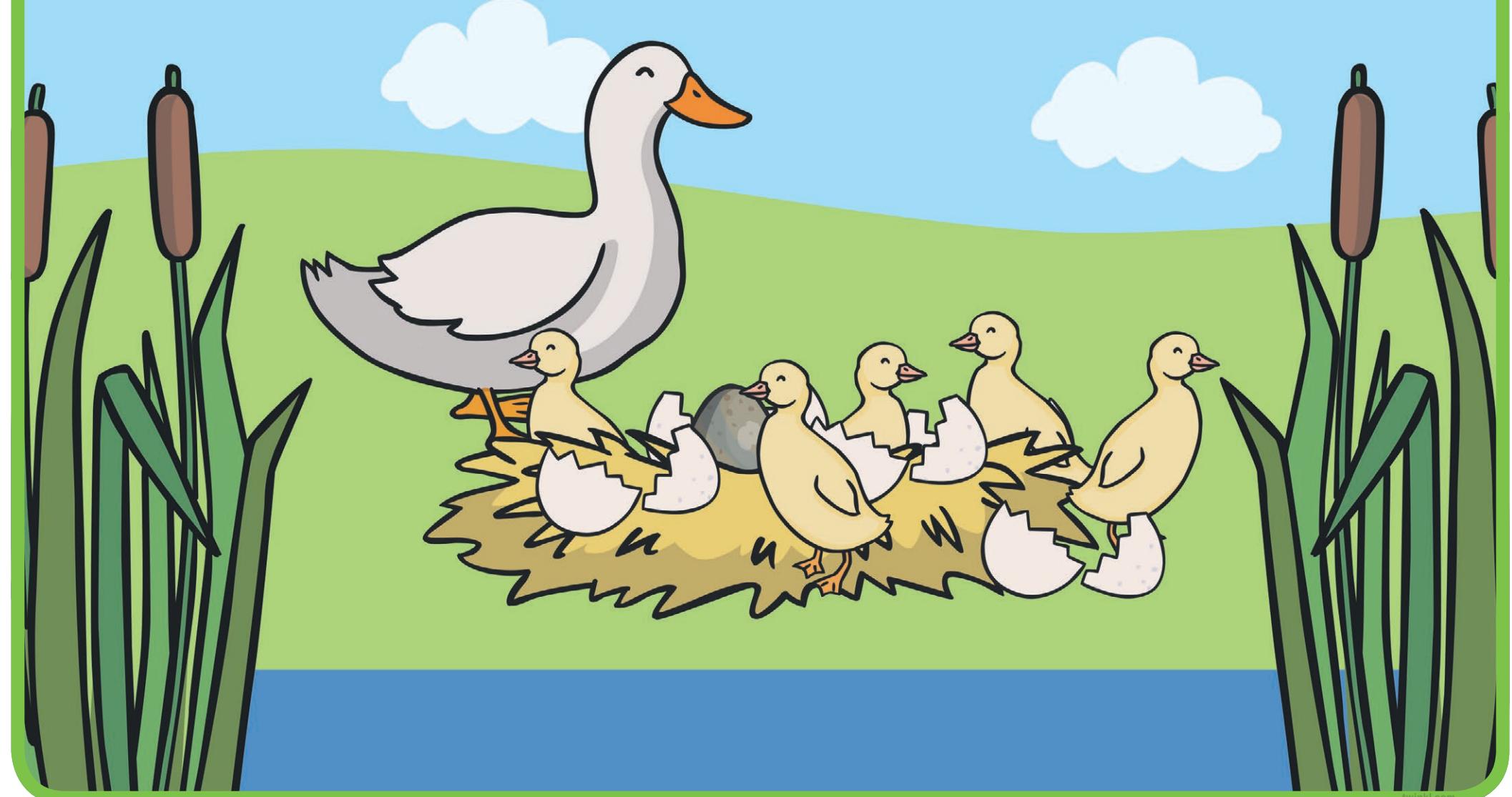
**Once upon a time a mother duck  
was waiting for her eggs to hatch.**



**The eggs were white, all except one.**

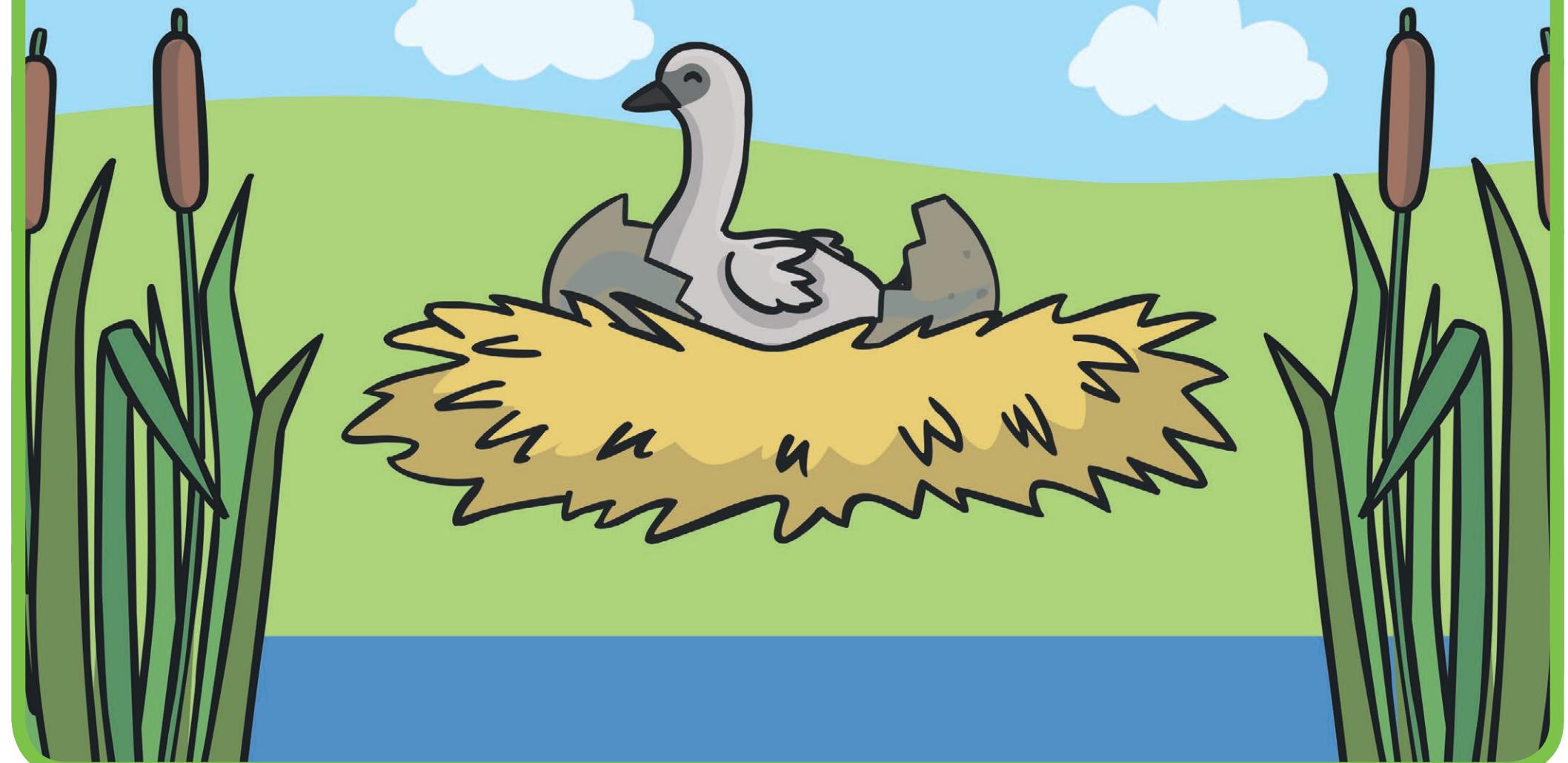


**Soon the eggs began to hatch, and the duck became the proud mother of 5 little ducklings.**

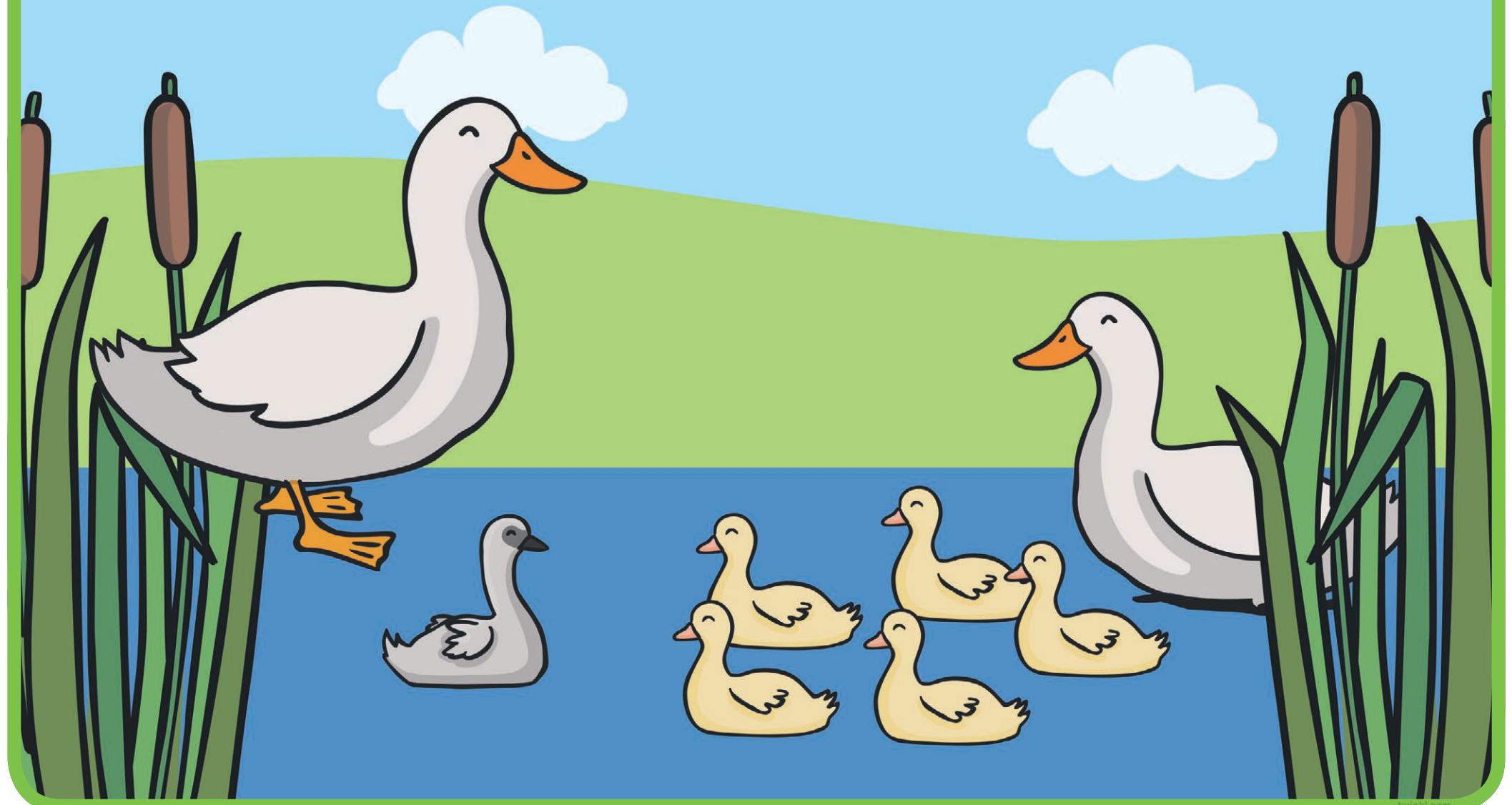


**But one egg remained...**

**Finally the last duckling hatched.**

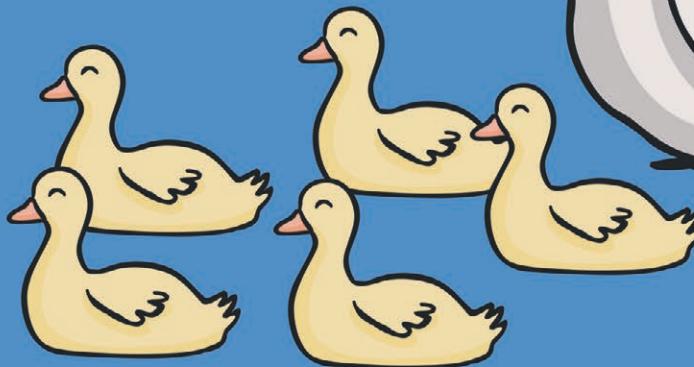
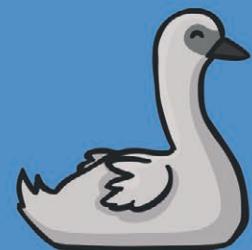


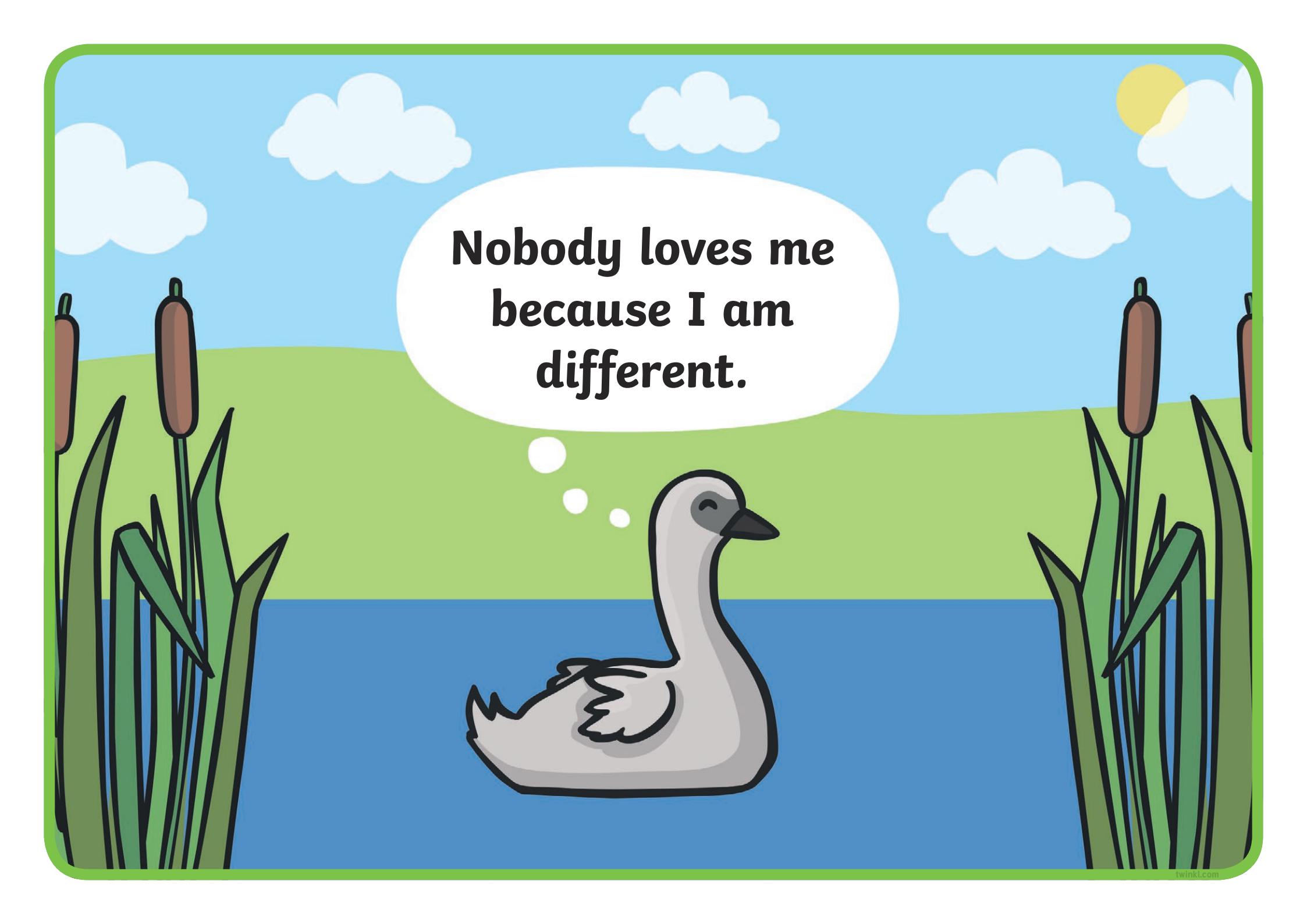
**But he was different from the others.**





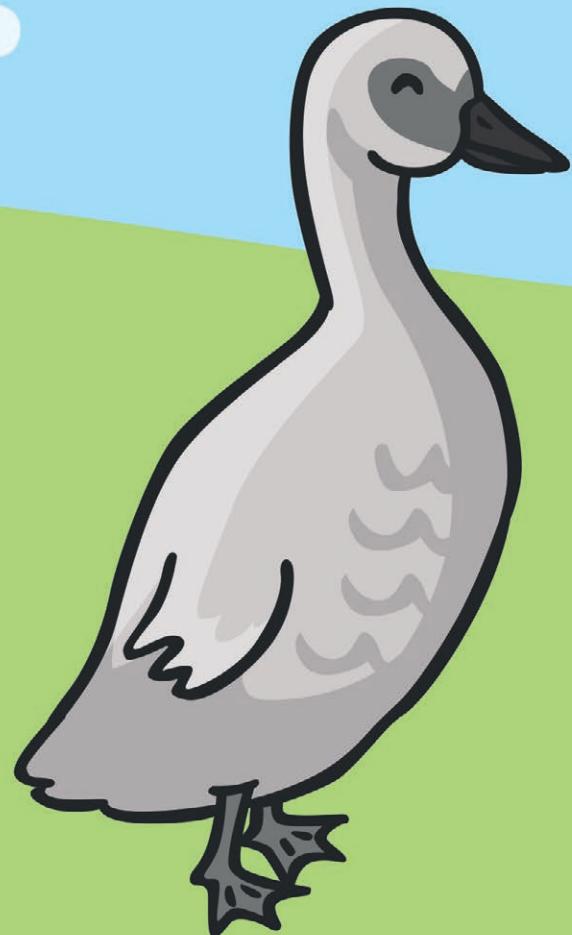
**“Why are you  
different?”**



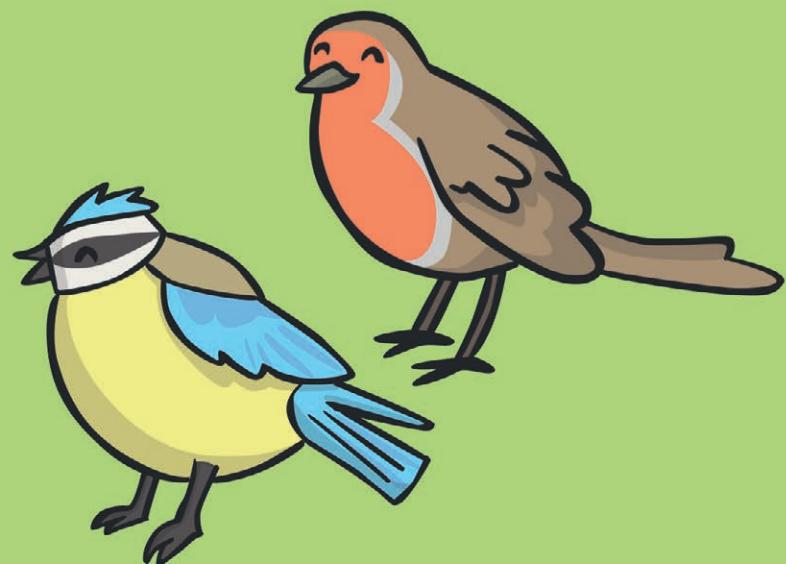


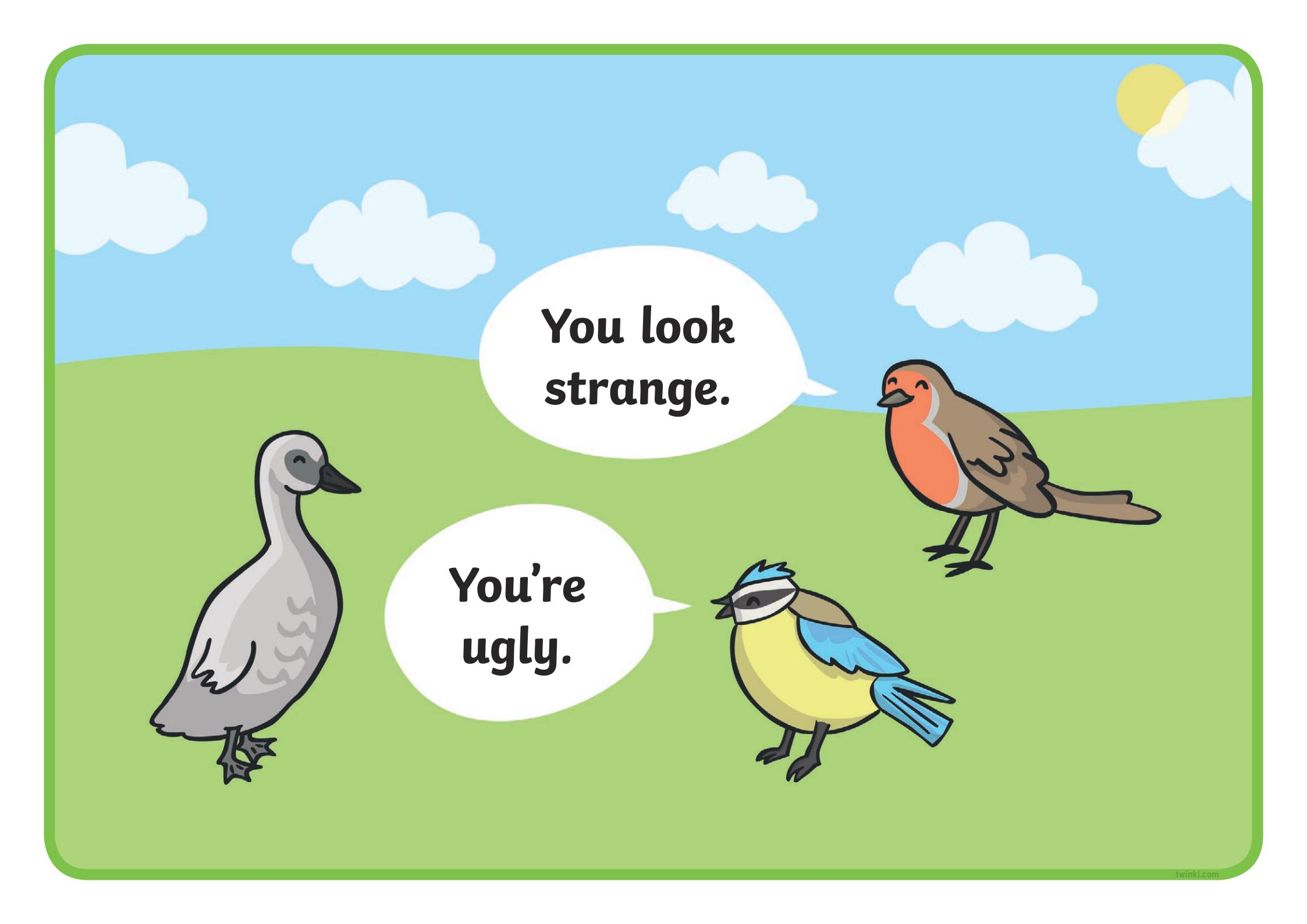
Nobody loves me  
because I am  
different.

The ugly duckling left home  
to look for a place he belonged.



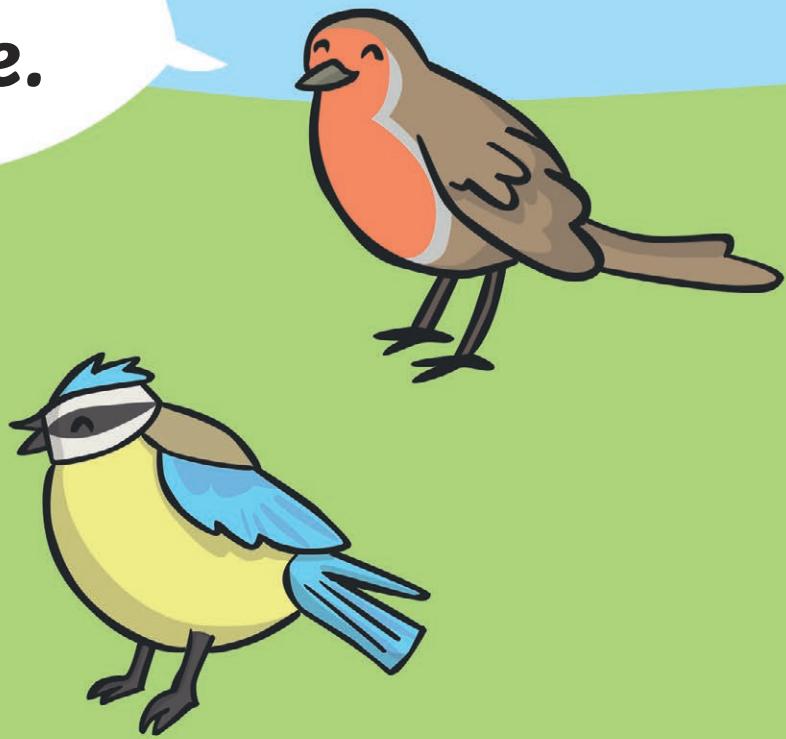
**He came across some other birds, but they did not want to be friends with such an odd looking duckling.**



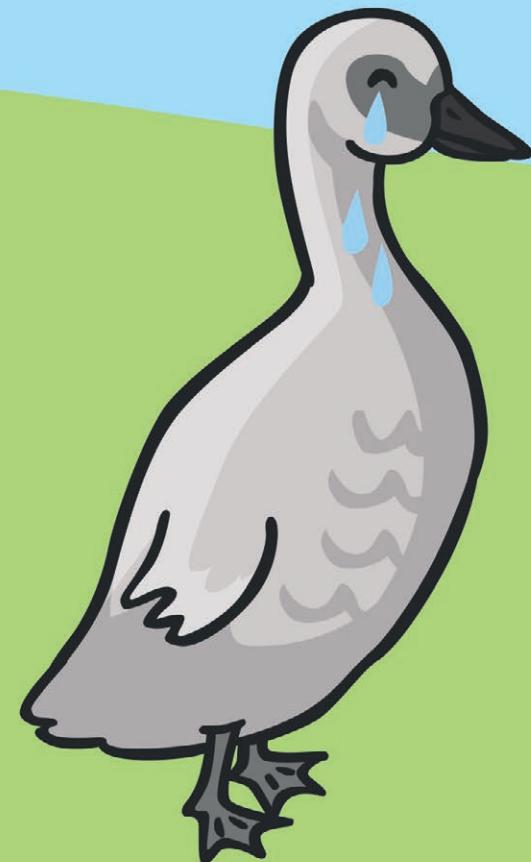


You look  
strange.

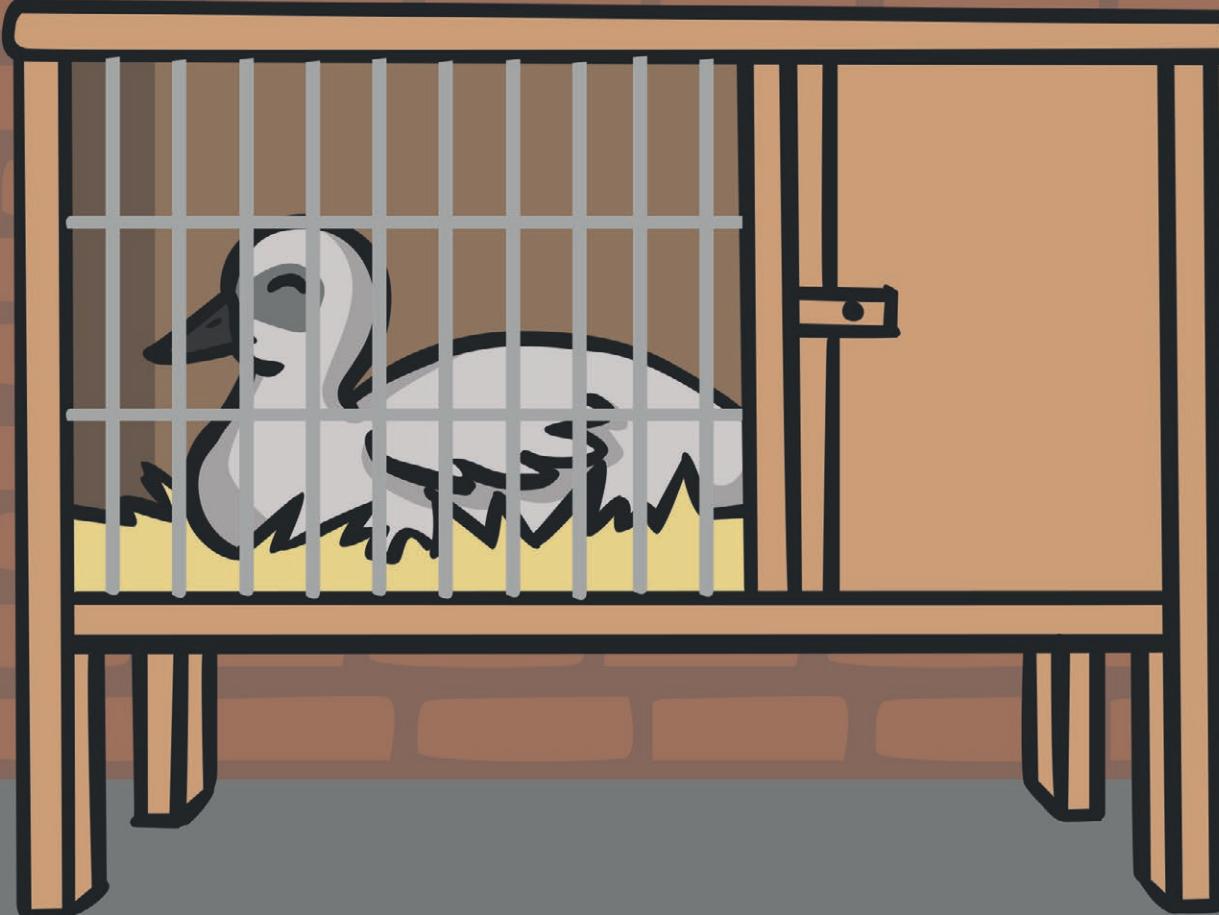
You're  
ugly.



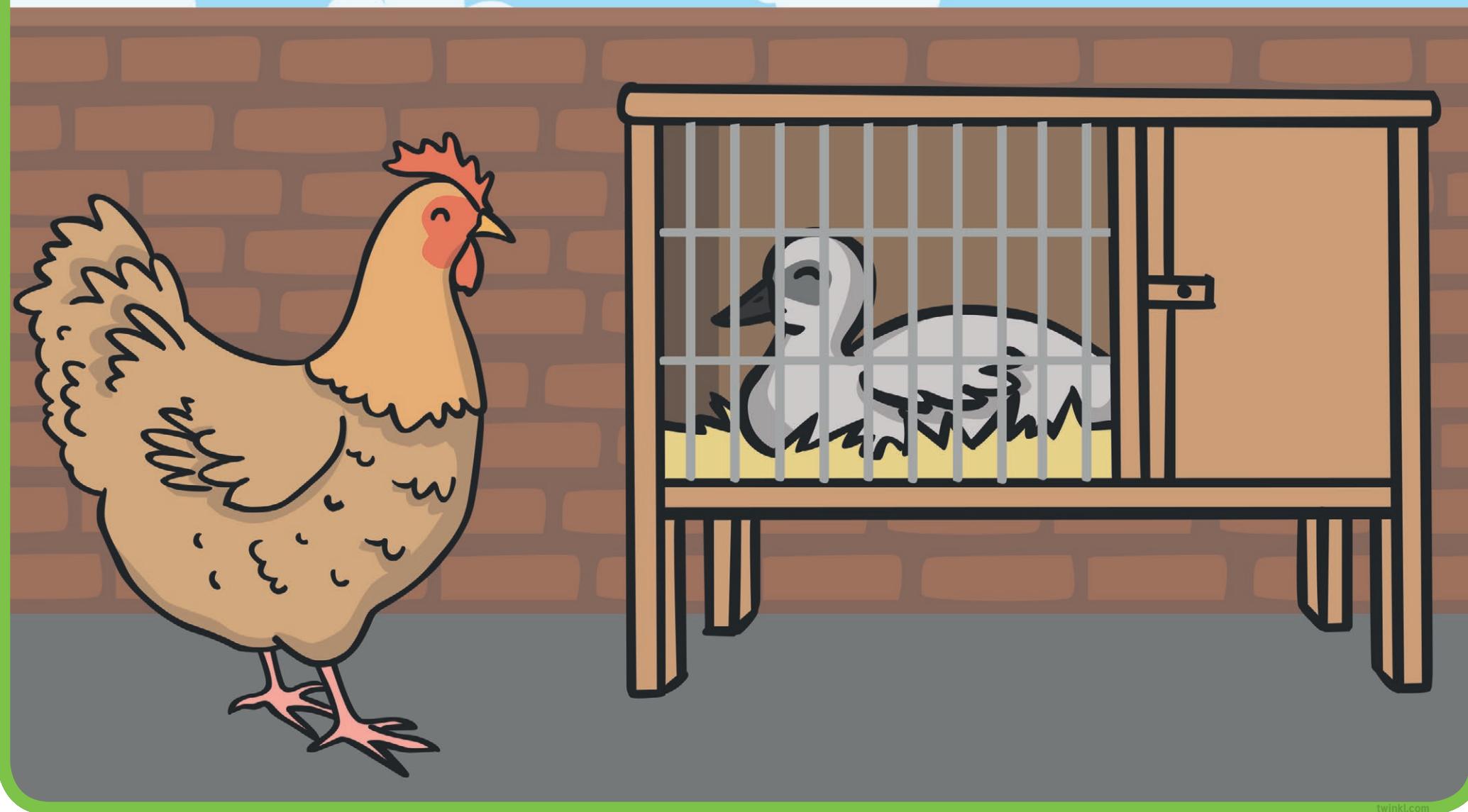
**The duckling was very sad and waddled away.**



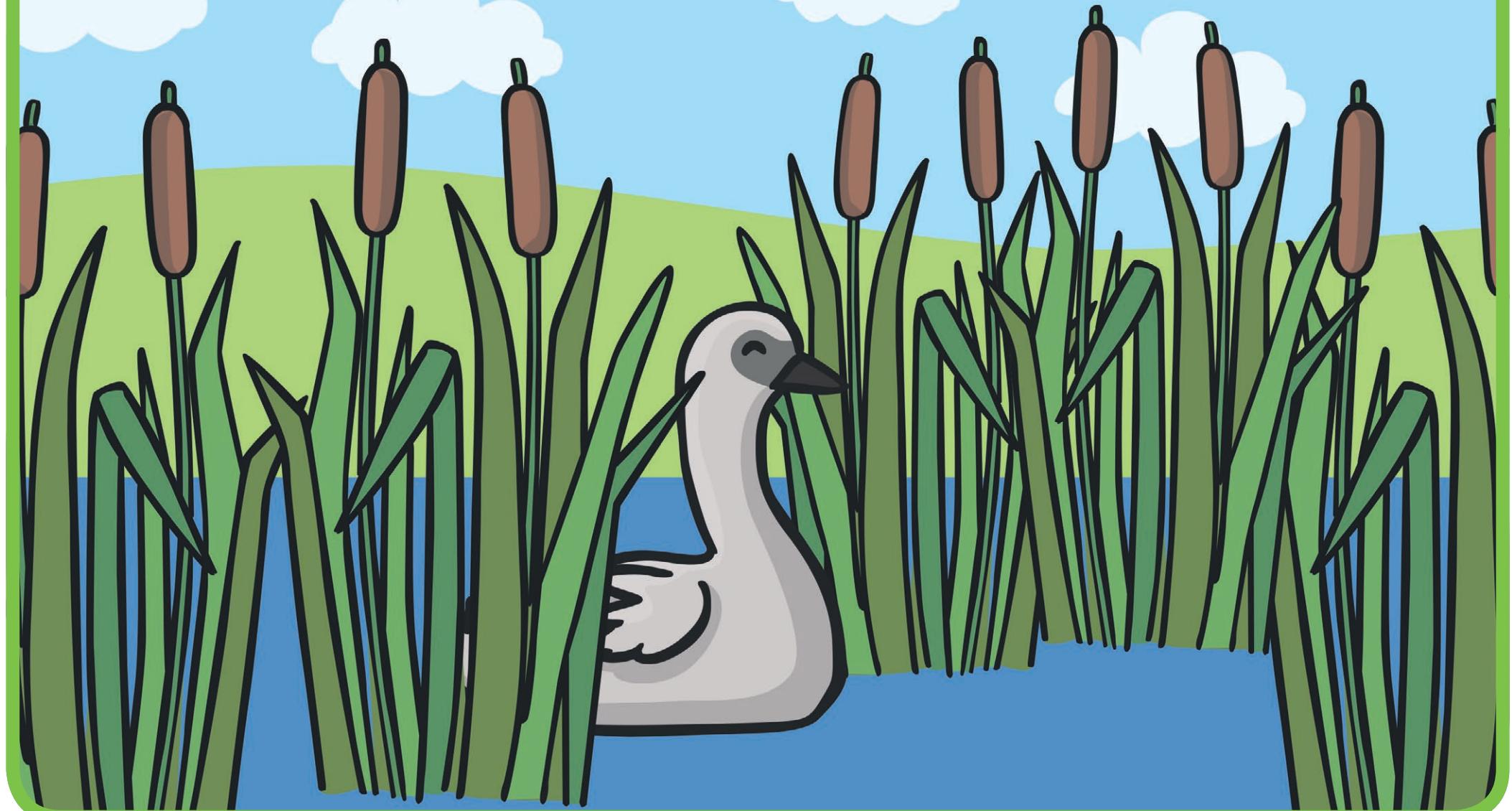
An old woman found the duckling  
and put him in her hutch.



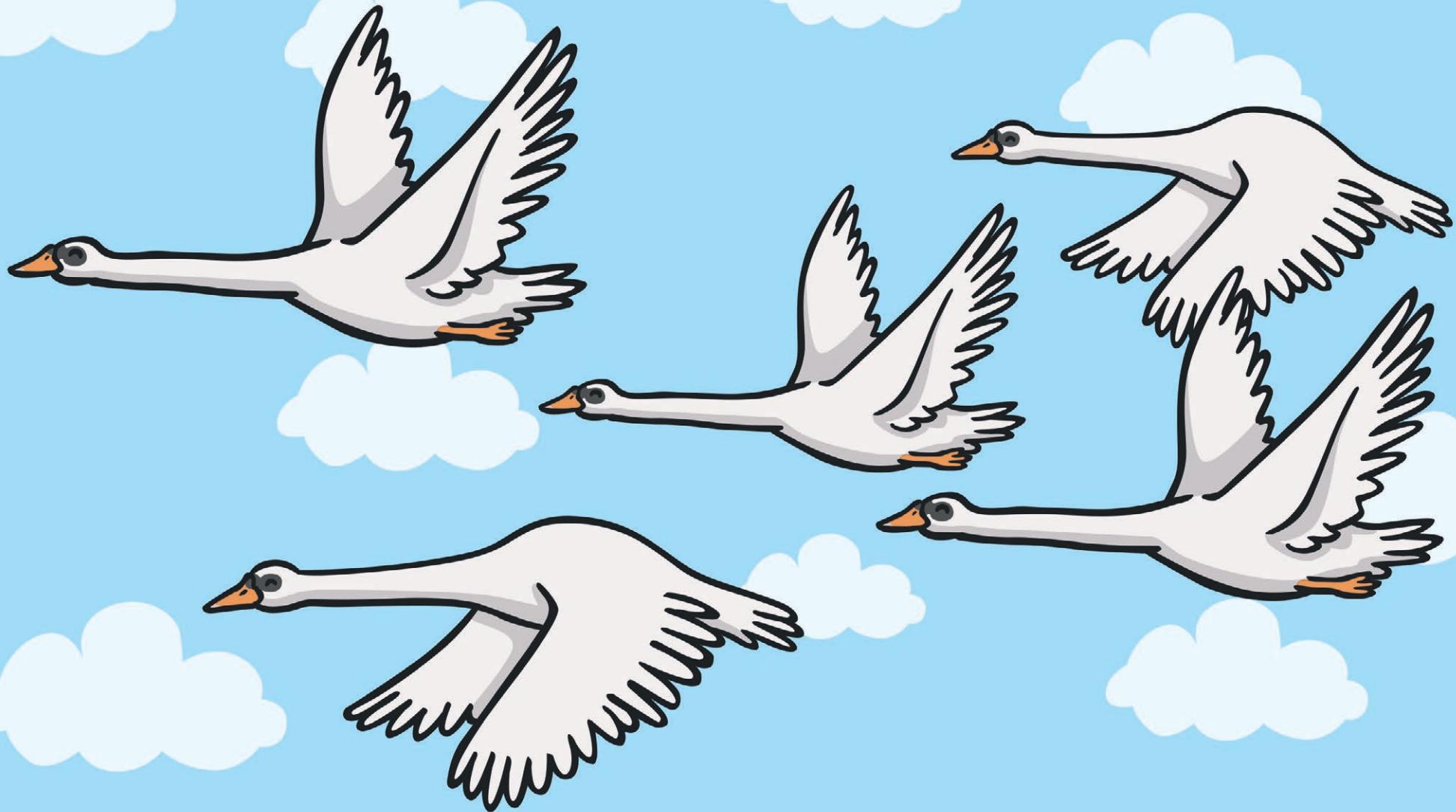
The woman's hen warned the duckling  
she planned to eat him.



**The poor duckling escaped and hid in some reeds.**



**He saw some beautiful birds fly above  
and wished he was like them.**

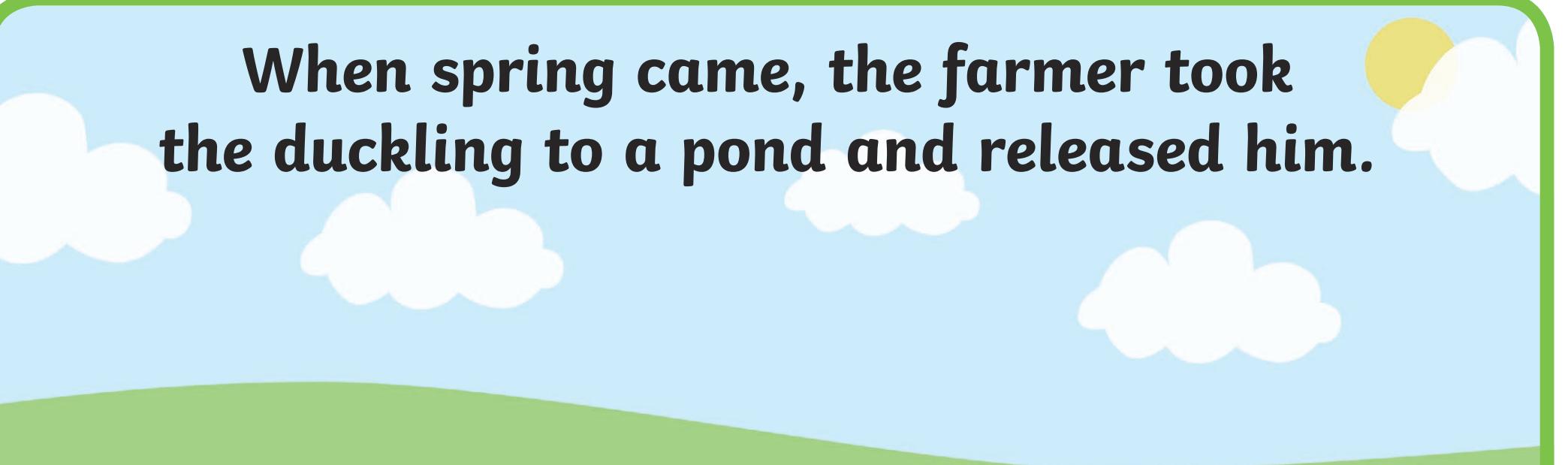


**Winter came and the duckling was cold.**



**But a farmer found him  
and kept him safe until spring.**





**When spring came, the farmer took  
the duckling to a pond and released him.**

**Something wonderful had happened...**

**...the duckling had grown into a beautiful swan!**



**He soon made lots of new friends  
and was the most beautiful swan of them all!**

