



# Farm Animals

## Lazy Ozzie

Read the story and answer some questions.



Ozzie was a very **lazy** owl. "It's time you tried to fly," said the Mother Owl one day. But Ozzie just said, "Do I have to?". Ozzie didn't **fancy** flying. It seemed much too hard work. He just wanted to sit around all day. "Well, I want you to fly", said Mother Owl **sternly**. "Now I'm going off to look for some food., and if you are **wise**, you will be on the ground by the time I come back!"



**Why didn't Ozzie fancy flying?**  
**Can owls fly well?**

Ozzie thought hard. He thought he **should** be able to get down to the ground without flying. **Suddenly** he noticed **the horse** who lived in their **barn**. The horse's head came up almost **as high as** the beam Ozzie was sitting on. Ozzie had an idea ...



"Help, help!" he yelled. "What's the matter with you, then?" said the high horse. "It's an emergency!" shouted Ozzie, jumping on to the high horse's back. "Take me to the cowshed!"

*So the high horse took Ozzie to the cowshed.*



In the cowshed there lived a cow who wasn't quite as high as the high horse.

"It's an emergency!" cried Ozzie, jumping on to the not-so-high cow's back. "Take me to the pigsty!"



Was the cow as high as the horse?

Can a cow run as fast as a horse?

*So the high horse and the not-so-high cow took Ozzie to the pigsty.*

In the pigsty there lived a big pig.

"It's an emergency!" cried Ozzie, jumping on to the big pig's back. "Take me to the farmyard!"



*So the high horse, the not-so-high cow and the big pig took Ozzie to the farmyard.*

In the farmyard there lived a **sheepdog**. The sheepdog wasn't as tall as the big pig.

"It's an emergency!" cried Ozzie, jumping on the sheepdog's back.

"Take me to the **big field**!"

*So the high horse, the not-so-high cow, the big pig and the short sheepdog took Ozzie to the big field.*

Was the sheepdog taller than the big pig?

What animals do sheepdogs look after?



In the big field there lived a **little lamb**.

"It's an emergency!" cried Ozzie, jumping on to the little lamb's back.

"Take me to **the duck-pond**!"

*So the high horse, the not-so-high cow, the big pig, the short sheepdog and the little lamb took Ozzie to the duck-pond.*

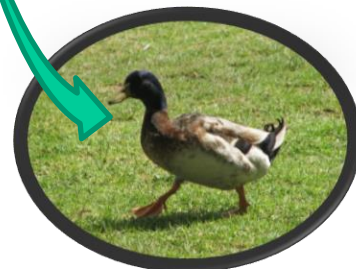
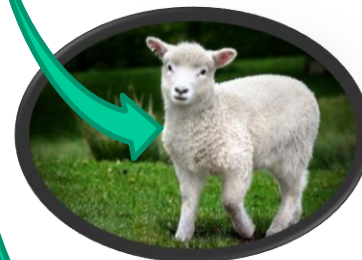
In the duck-pond there lived a **diddy duck**.

"It's an emergency!" cried Ozzie, jumping on the diddy duck's back.

"Take me to the **barn**!"

Could the duck run as fast as the dog?

Can ducks fly?



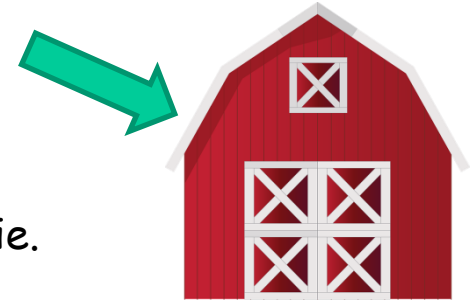


*So the high horse, the not-so-high cow, the big pig, the short sheepdog, the little lamb and the diddy duck took Ozzie back to the barn.*

As soon as they got there, Ozzie hopped from the duck's back down to the ground. He'd done it!

"*So where's the emergency?*" asked the animals. "Ah, said Ozzie.

"I was only *joking!*"



*Was Ozzie pleased with himself? Were the animals amused?*

*But the high horse, the not-so-high cow, the big pig, the short sheepdog, the little lamb and the diddy duck were not amused at all. They all went away grumbling.*

But Ozzie was **pleased**. His plan had worked.

"I flew **all the way down**", he said to Mother Owl when she came back.

Mother Owl gave him a big smile and said "Well done!"

But Ozzie didn't know that she'd been watching him all the time.

"Now let me see you **fly back up again**", said Mother Owl.



Was Ozzie happy to fly back up again?



Do you know the names of some other farm animals and birds?



Who is who?

a bull

a cockerel

a turkey

geese

a sheep

a goat

