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# A Chicken's Life

Fill in the blanks. Read the statements below and fill in the word that best fits the sentence.

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1. Chickens \_\_\_\_\_ in order to stay clean and have fun.  
(dustbathe, shower)
  2. When allowed to live naturally, chickens can live up to \_\_\_\_\_ years.  
(25, five, 10)
  3. Mother hens love their baby chicks. When it rains, they let their babies hide under their \_\_\_\_\_.  
(wings, tails)
  4. \_\_\_\_\_ rehabilitate and give lifelong love and care to animals who have been rescued from abuse and neglect.  
(Sanctuaries, Zoos)
  5. Chickens are as smart as \_\_\_\_\_.  
(dogs and cats, insects)
  6. When chickens are taken from a factory farm to a sanctuary, they have been \_\_\_\_\_.  
(rescued, dropped)
  7. Chickens who are kept for their eggs are forced to live in small, dirty cages on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(factory farms, mountaintops)
  8. On factory farms, chicks never get to feel \_\_\_\_\_ on their backs.  
(sunshine, stars)
  9. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a person who chooses not to eat chickens and other animals.  
(vegetarian, librarian)

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Answers: 1. dustbathe; 2. 25; 3. wings; 4. Sanctuaries; 5. dogs and cats; 6. rescued; 7. factory farms; 8. sunshine; 9. vegetarian



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5. When describing the cramped conditions that chickens live in on a factory farm, Ryan says, "A chicken's life on a factory farm is very different from the life a chicken would choose for herself." If you were a chicken, how would you want to live?

6. In the story, Ryan tells Tyler how a chicken shows that she is happy. How did the chickens show him that they were happy? What are some other ways that animals such as dogs and cats show you that they are happy?

7. How do the mother hen and father rooster take care of their babies?

8. As Ryan tells Charlotte's story, he says, "But somewhere along the way, Charlotte and some others fell off. She was tired, bruised, and weak, so she sat at the side of the road." What would you do if you saw an animal such as Charlotte who needed help?

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9. What are some good ways to help chickens?

10. Write a fictional story about an animal sanctuary in which you are a main character.

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