

Chickens: Our Fascinating Feathered Friends!



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In this activity, you will learn more about the lives of chickens. Use a dictionary to look up the 15 chicken-related words below. Then use the words to fill in the blanks in the sentences below.

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beaks
chick
combs
eggs

feathers
hen
jungles
nest
pecking order

preen
roost
rooster
spurs
wattles

1. A male chicken is called a rooster.
2. A female chicken is called a hen.
3. A baby chicken is called a chick.
4. Hens lay eggs.
5. Roosters have pointed spurs on their legs to help protect their families and themselves from anyone who might try to harm them.
6. Chickens' skin is covered with feathers.
7. Chickens use their beaks to eat, learn about objects, protect themselves, hold things, and groom themselves.
8. Chickens don't like getting wet so they use dirt to bathe. They do this by kicking and ruffling dirt through their feathers to remove bugs. It helps them stay nice and clean.
9. Chickens want to be beautiful, so they often preen themselves. They do this by fluffing their feathers out and using their beaks to removed damaged feathers and put protective oils on them.
10. When a chicken is about to lay eggs, she will build a nest.
11. Chickens in the wild come from the jungles of Southeast Asia.
12. At night, chickens like to roost in tree branches or on poles when they sleep.
13. A pecking order helps chickens get along with each other and prevents fighting.
14. When chickens are healthy and happy, the combs on the tops of their heads stand straight up.
15. Chickens who know and have been treated kindly by humans usually enjoy having their wattles stroked. Those are the flaps of skin underneath their beaks.



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