

WAKE UP, HENRY ROOSTER

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Will this sleepyhead rooster ever rise in time to wake the sun?

Henry is a young rooster who loves to have fun. He plays cards with the goats, dances with the cows, and pops corn with the pigs. After a long night of fun, however, Henry can't get up early in the morning. His mom insists he's not lazy; Henry just isn't a morning rooster. But Henry's father is off to a convention for a week. Guess who must take his place and crow the sun up each morning?

Poor Henry. He's not cut out for this crowing business. But if he doesn't find a way to make it to work on time, the sun won't rise when it's supposed to, the farmer and his wife will be late, and none of the farm chores will get done. They're all depending on Henry. Will he learn to be a morning rooster after all?

Lesson Ideas



Stop reading before Henry talks to the wise goat and have students write an advice column on how to solve the problem.

Write the farmer a letter and give him other ideas of how to wake up the sun in the morning.



Pretend you are one of the farmer's children. Your father has put you in charge of waking up the farm. Tell how you would do it!

Henry's problem is the things he likes to do all happen at night. Write about new things Henry could teach the animals that they could do during the day!



Henry knows he has to learn to get up in time to crow and wake up the farm. He has decided to teach the animals some new things to do. He will teach them things that they can do during the daytime and not so late at night. You are Henry, write a story telling what you would teach the animals! Be sure to include many details!
