



The Little Green Hen

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Synopsis:

A fun-filled retelling of The Little Red Hen with important messages about caring for our environment and working together!

The beautiful apple tree is home to the Little Green Hen, who tends it lovingly every day - pruning, sowing new seeds and keeping the pests at bay. But not everyone wants to help. Peacock, Cat and Fox have far more important things to do - until the day a storm floods the countryside and the apple tree is the only shelter . . .

Author / Illustrator Bio:

Alison Murray grew up in Lanarkshire near Glasgow and studied Textile Design at Glasgow School of Art.

After graduating she moved to London and did a variety of jobs, including working as a bookseller and rug designer, before completing a MA in Design for Interactive Media at Middlesex University. Having co-founded a successful interactive media company, Alison moved back to Scotland where she now works as a full-time illustrator.

She has a string of successful picture books to her name, including Hare and Tortoise and Apple Pie ABC, both shortlisted for the Scottish Children's Book Awards, and Dino Duckling.

Alison lives in Glasgow with her husband and their dog.



Curriculum Links

English [ACELT1589](#) [ACELT1591](#)

Themes:

Teamwork Helping
Achievement Environment
Friendship Conservation
Sharing

Pre Reading.

Look at the cover

Read the title

Identify the author and illustrator.

There is only one name on the front of the book. What does that mean?

After Reading.

This story is similar to the story of The Little Red Hen.

After reading the Little Green Hen, find a version of The Little Red Hen and read that, and compare the two texts.

Depending on the year level your working with either use the sheet on the next page and give each student to fill in.

OR

Draw a similar diagram on the board and brainstorm as a class.

Characters/themes unique to one book listed on either side under the title, and things that book share written in the space in the middle.

After completing this activity, look at the similarities between the two stories. Ask if anyone can think of other stories that have similar themes?

May include:

Rainbow Fish

Enormous Turnip

Stone Soup

Farmer Duck

Characters

Look at the different characters in the story:

Little Green Hen

Peacock

Dog

Fox

Sparrow

Ginger Cat

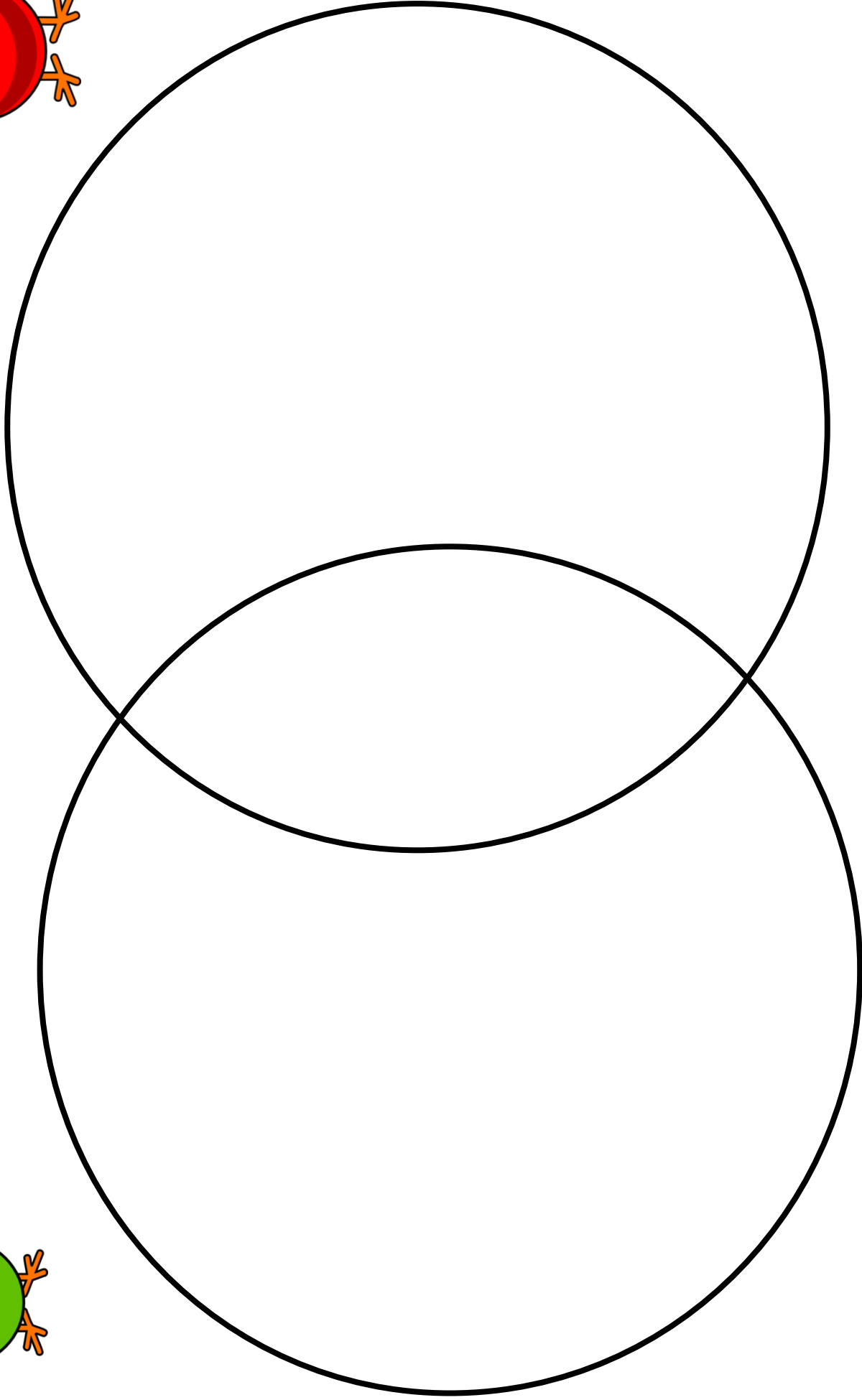
Squirrel

What's the same and what's different between these two versions

Little Green Hen



Little Red Hen



Characters

Look at the different characters in the story:

- Peacock
- Dog
- Fox
- Sparrow
- Ginger Cat
- Squirrel

Ask students to think of words that describe the Little Green Hen

Write these words on the board.

Tell students that these words are called character traits.

Ask each child to choose one of the other characters from the story and describe them physically and their character traits.

- Appearance
- Personality
- How they acted
- What they might be feeling

Use the sheet on the next page to help you.



Character Profile

Appearance

Personality

Feelings

Actions