

Chicks Grow Up

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A chicken is a bird. A chick is a baby chicken. It hatches from an egg.

Chicks have wings and feathers. Their feathers are soft and fluffy. These soft feathers are called down. Down keeps the chicks warm.

As chicks get bigger, they grow adult feathers. They lose their down as the adult feathers grow. In a few months, the chicks will be adults. They will look like their parents.

Some chicks will become roosters. A rooster is a grown male chicken. Some chicks will become hens. A hen is a grown female chicken.

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1. How are baby chickens born?

- A. The stork brings them.
- B. They hatch from an egg.
- C. The hen delivers them in a hospital.

2. How does this passage describe chicks, or baby chickens?

- A. Chicks have wings and soft fluffy feathers called down.
- B. Chicks look like their parents.
- C. Chicks have adult feathers and are called roosters or hens.

3. Some chicks will become roosters, which are grown male chickens. What does this information tell us about baby chicks that grow up to become roosters?

- A. They are male.
- B. They are female.
- C. They ate the most food.

4. What is "Chicks Grow Up" mainly about?

- A. dogs
- B. roosters
- C. chickens

5. Who will chicks look like when they grow up?

6. What did you learn from "Chicks Grow Up"?

7. **Class Discussion Question:** Explain what the following words mean: chick, rooster, hen, and chicken.

8. Draw a chicken.