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SUBJECT: English

LESSON 4- The Ugly Duckling

Pre-Activity-

Can you think of a time when you were teased for being different from others? Write what did you do in that situation.

A. Keywords and Word meanings-

1. clutch- a bunch of eggs laid at the same time
2. chirpy- cheerful and happy
3. prisoners- someone who has been caught and its being kept somewhere
4. pecking- striking at something with the beak
5. outgrew- grow at a faster rate than someone else
6. Clumsy- unable to do things gracefully
7. Warned- made someone aware of danger

B. Answer the following-

1. Why was the poor duckling unhappy?

Ans. The poor duckling was unhappy because he didn't look like his brothers, and they didn't want to play with him. He was clumsy and all the farmyard folks laughed at him. He felt sad and lonely.

2. What did his mother say to him?

Ans. His mother told him, 'Poor little ugly duckling!' She wondered aloud why he was so different from his brothers.

3. What did the duckling do one day at sunrise? What question did he ask everyone?

Ans. One day at sunrise, the duckling ran away from the farmyard. He asked everyone at the new pond if they knew a duckling with feathers like his.

4. What warning did he get at another pond?

Ans. At another pond, he was told to go away because it was dangerous there. He was warned that there were men with guns there.

5. What happened to the duckling in winter? Who rescued him?

Ans. In winter, while trying to seek food in the snow, the duckling fell down on the ground, exhausted. A farmer rescued him and took him home in the pocket of his big jacket.

6. What did the duckling realise when he saw himself in the water?

Ans. When the duckling saw himself in the water, he realised that he had changed so much that he could hardly recognise himself.

C. Reference to Context:

“ I can ’t understand how this ugly duckling could be one of mine.”

a) Who said these lines to whom?

Ans. The mother duckling said these lines to herself.

b) In what context did she say this words?

Ans. Mother Duckling on finding the baby duck very ugly said these words.

D. Value based question-

1. Why did the duckling almost burst with happiness?

Ans. The duckling almost burst with happiness because the children had called him ‘the finest of them all’ among the swans. He had been alone and left out for so long, and now he belonged with the other swans, and was no longer an ‘ugly duckling’.

2. Did the duckling hatch out of Mother Duck’s own egg? How do you know?

Ans. The duckling did not hatch out of Mother Duck’s own egg, because he was never a duckling. He had always been a swan, and not known it until he saw other birds that looked like him.

Post activity-

Write 5 adjectives from the lesson that describes the ducklings.