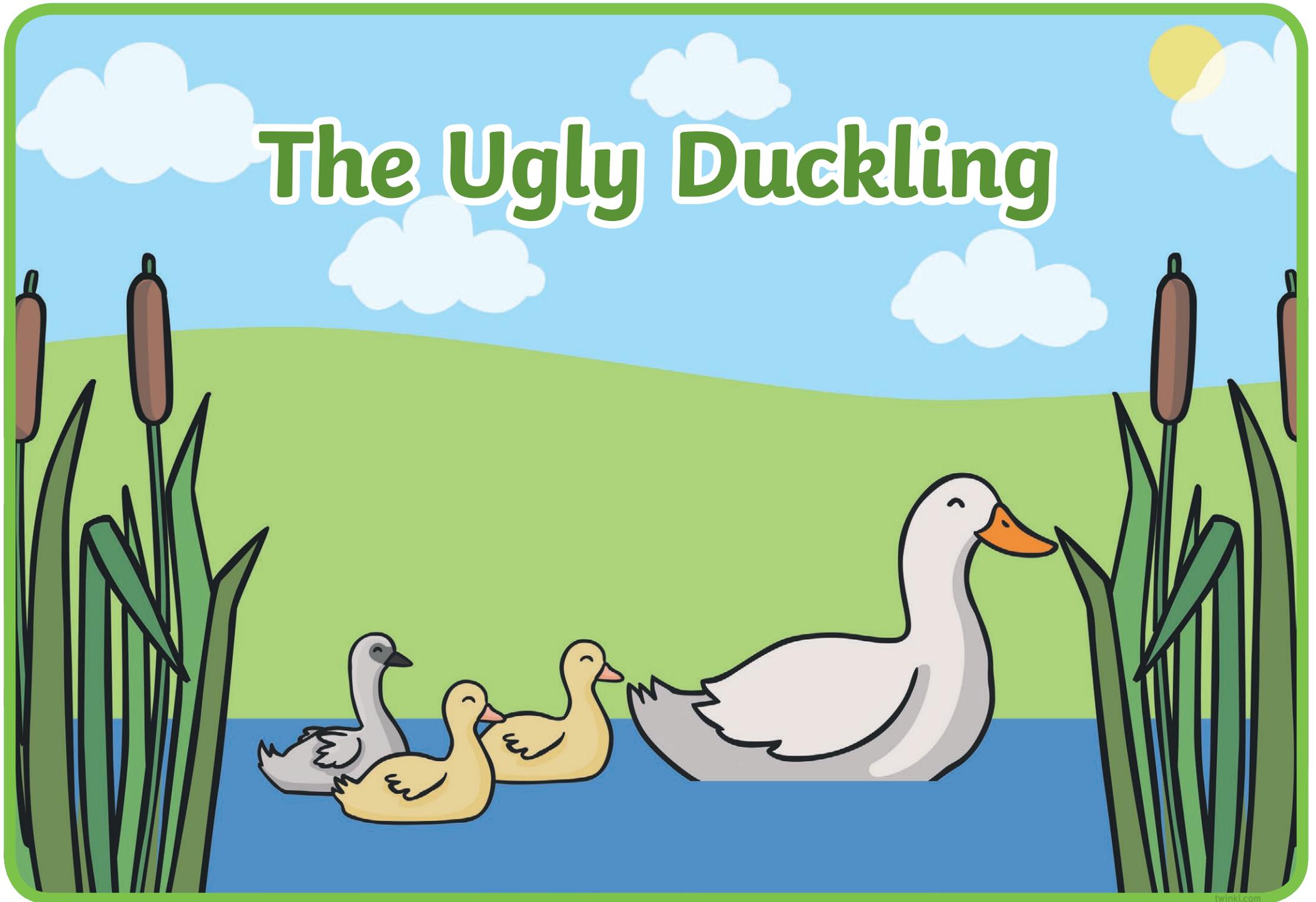
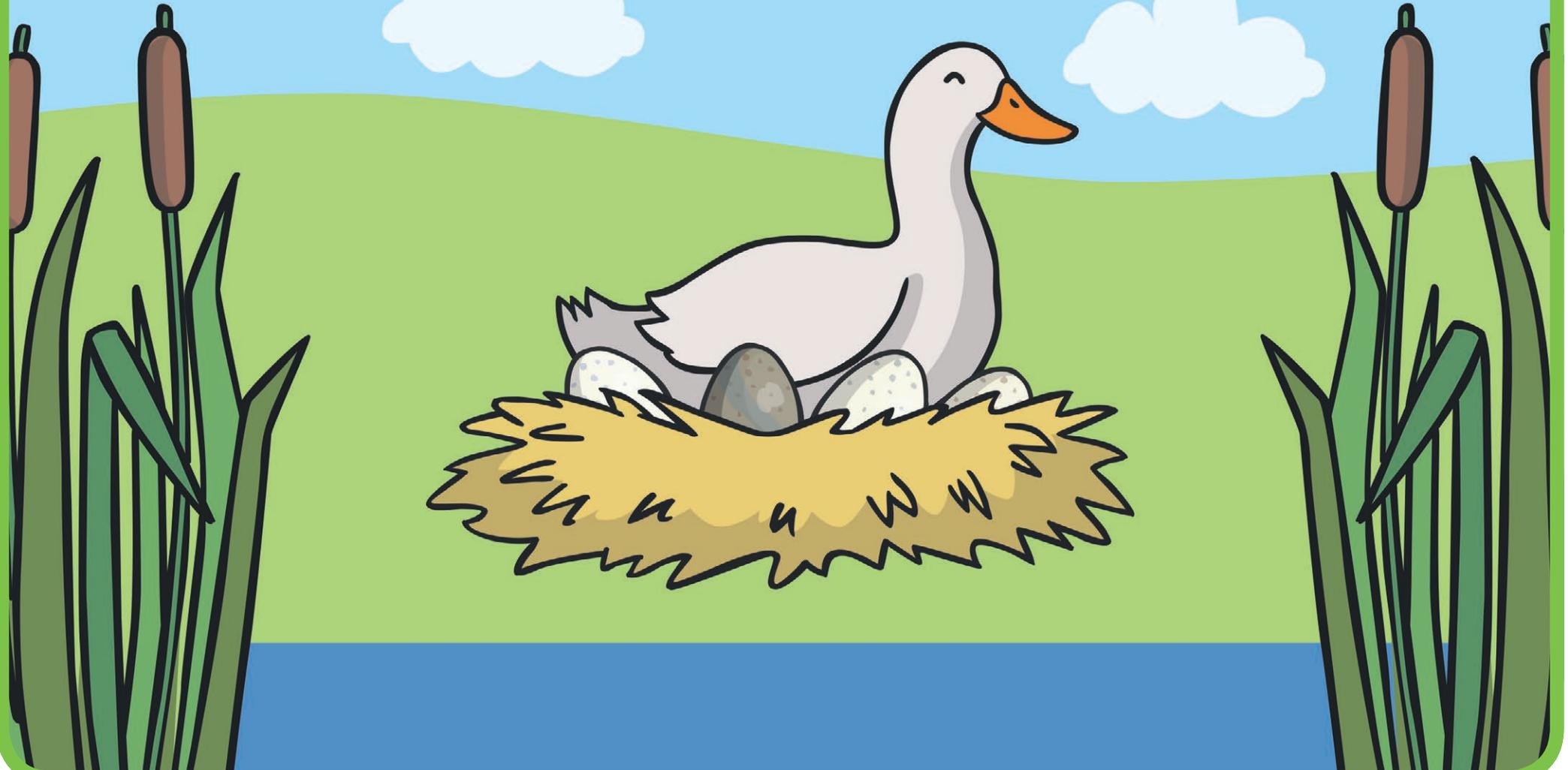


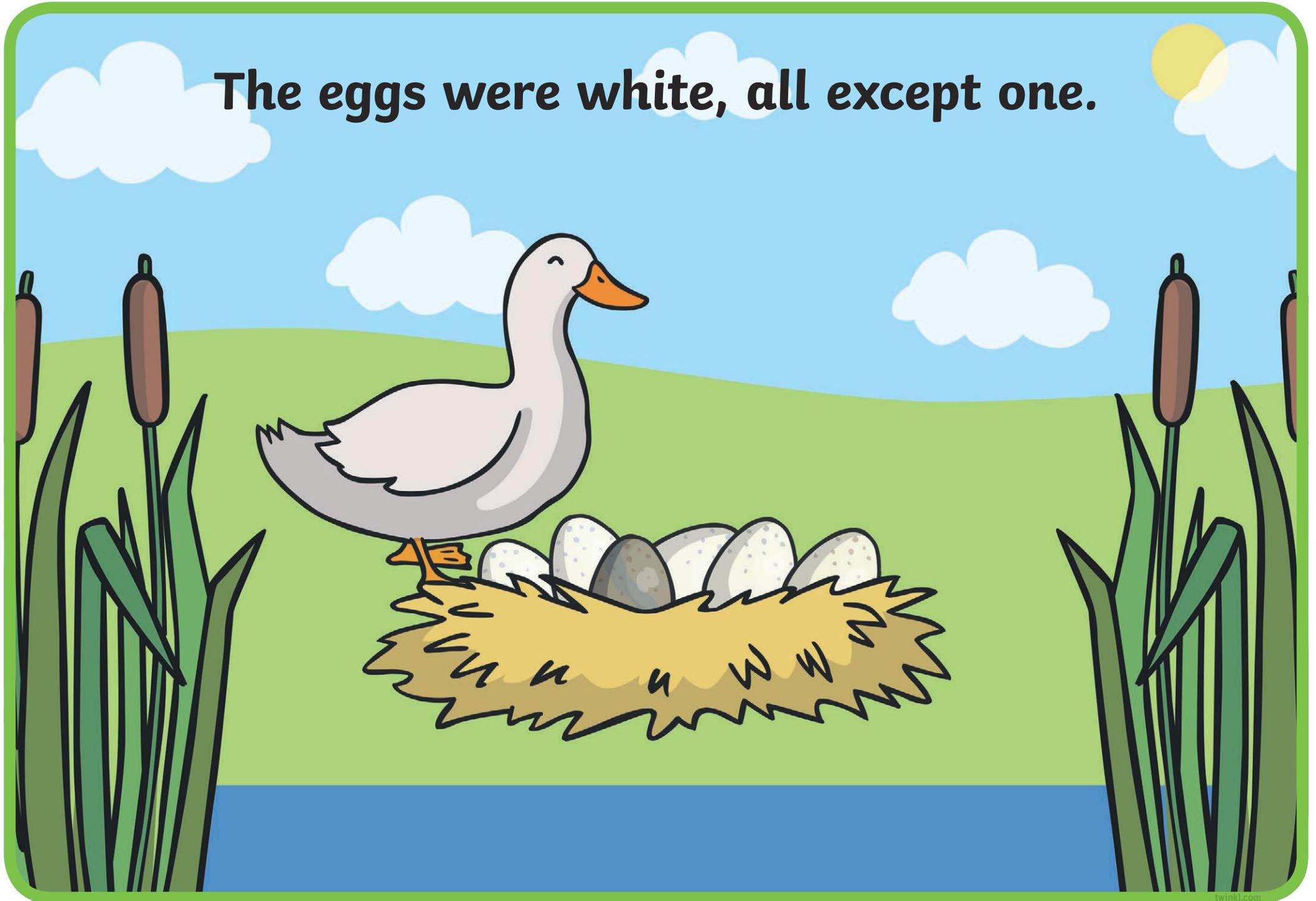
The Ugly Duckling



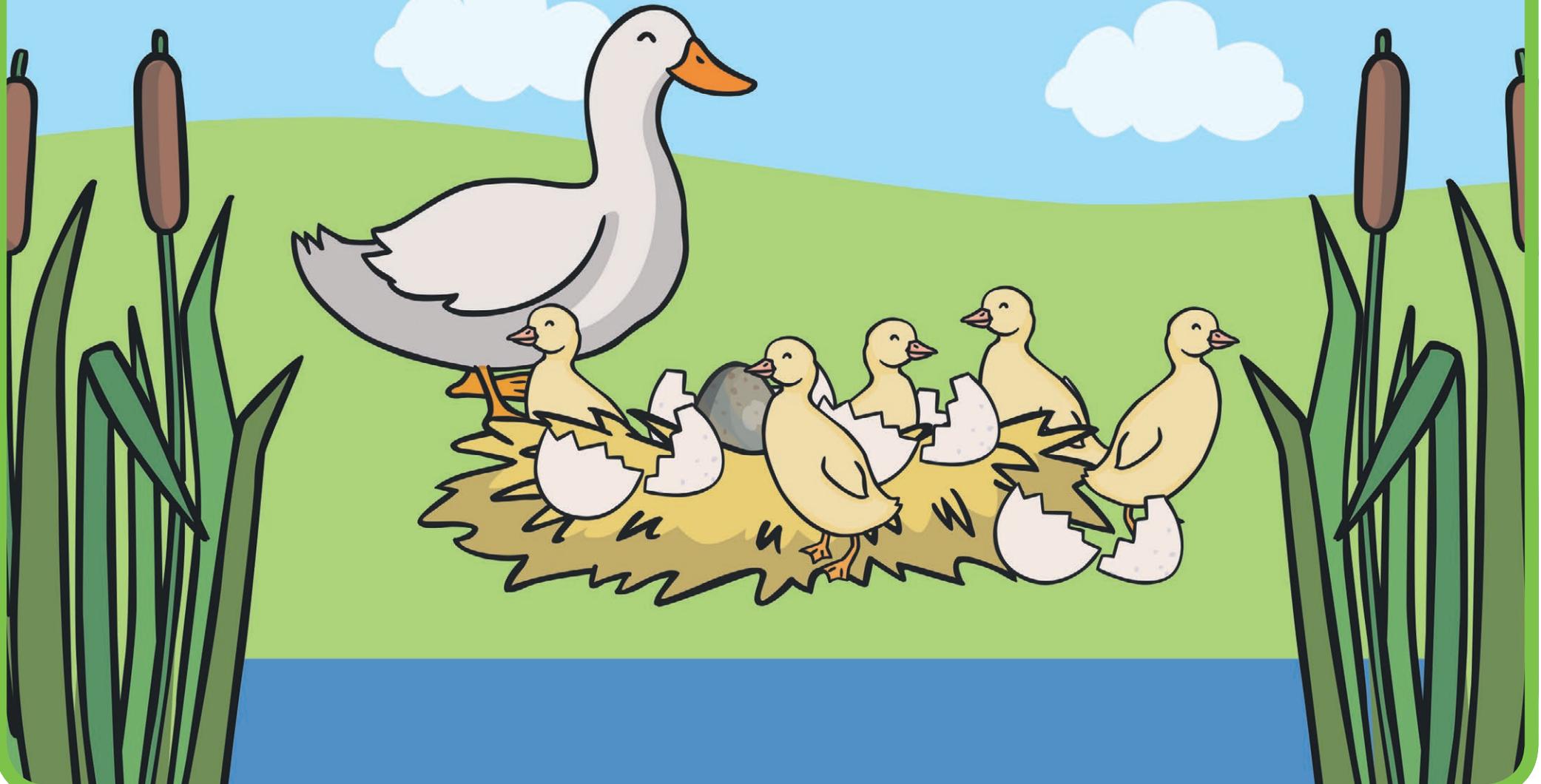
**Once upon a time a mother duck
was waiting for her eggs to hatch.**



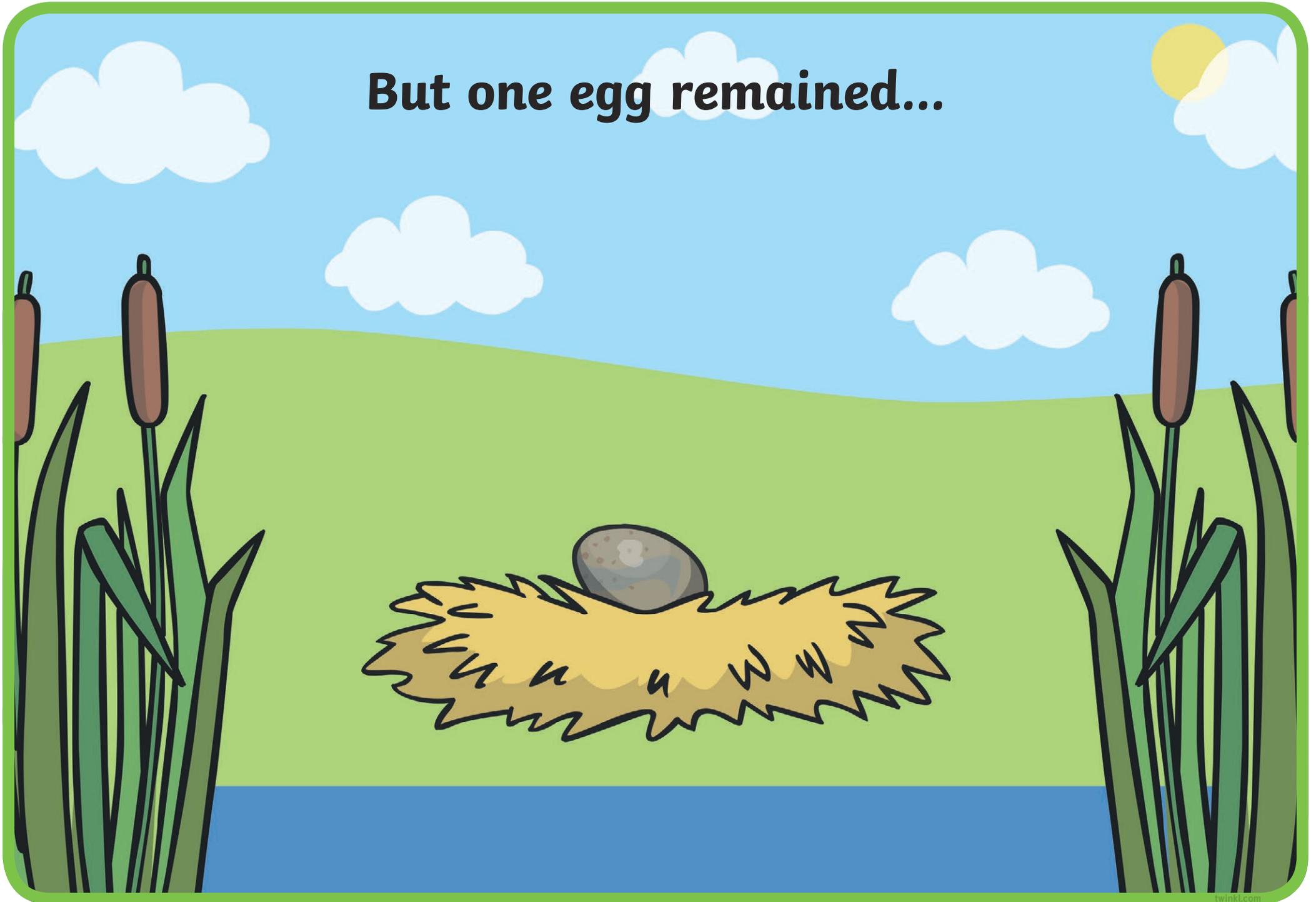
The eggs were white, all except one.



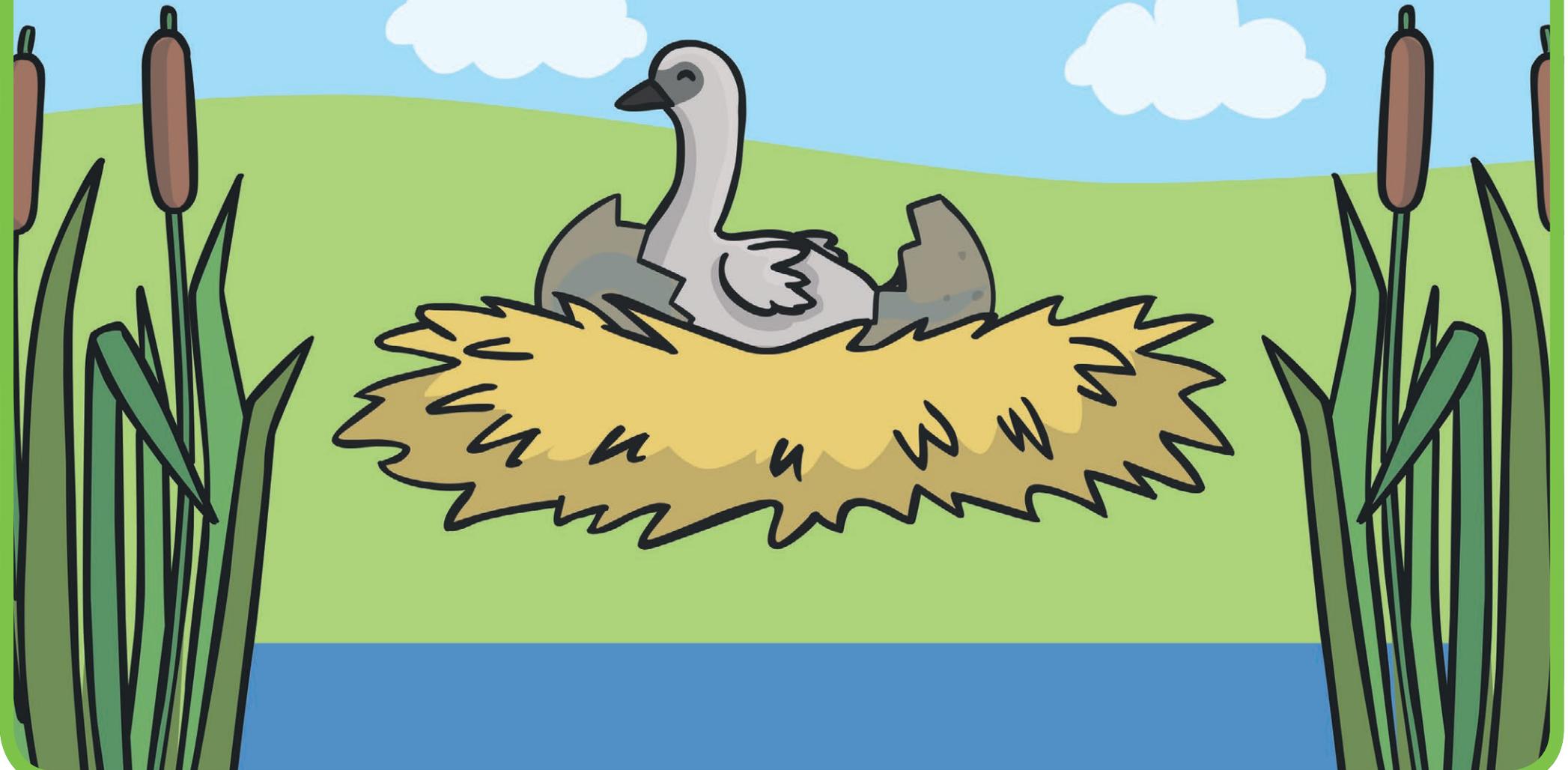
Soon the eggs began to hatch, and the duck became the proud mother of 5 little ducklings.



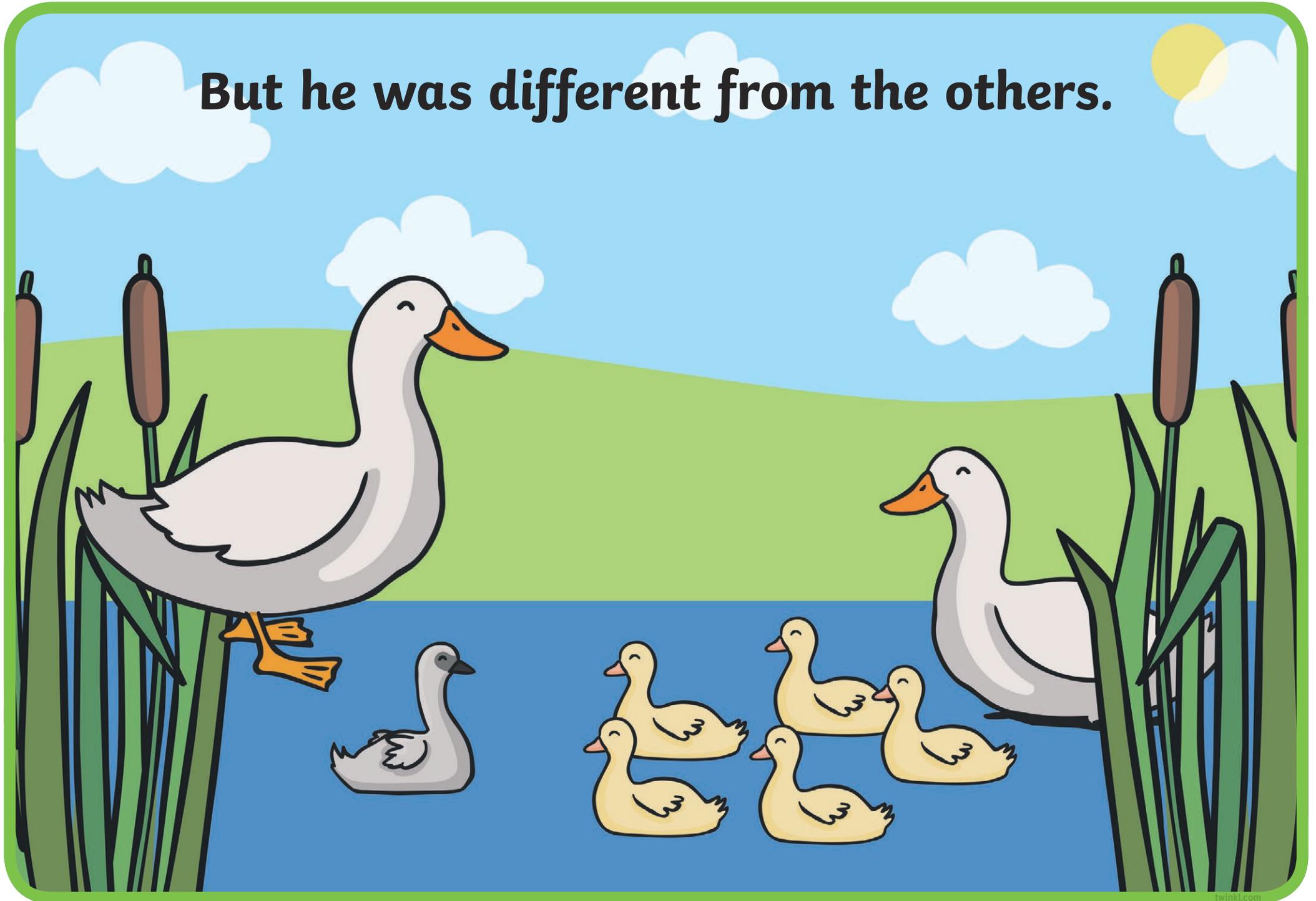
But one egg remained...

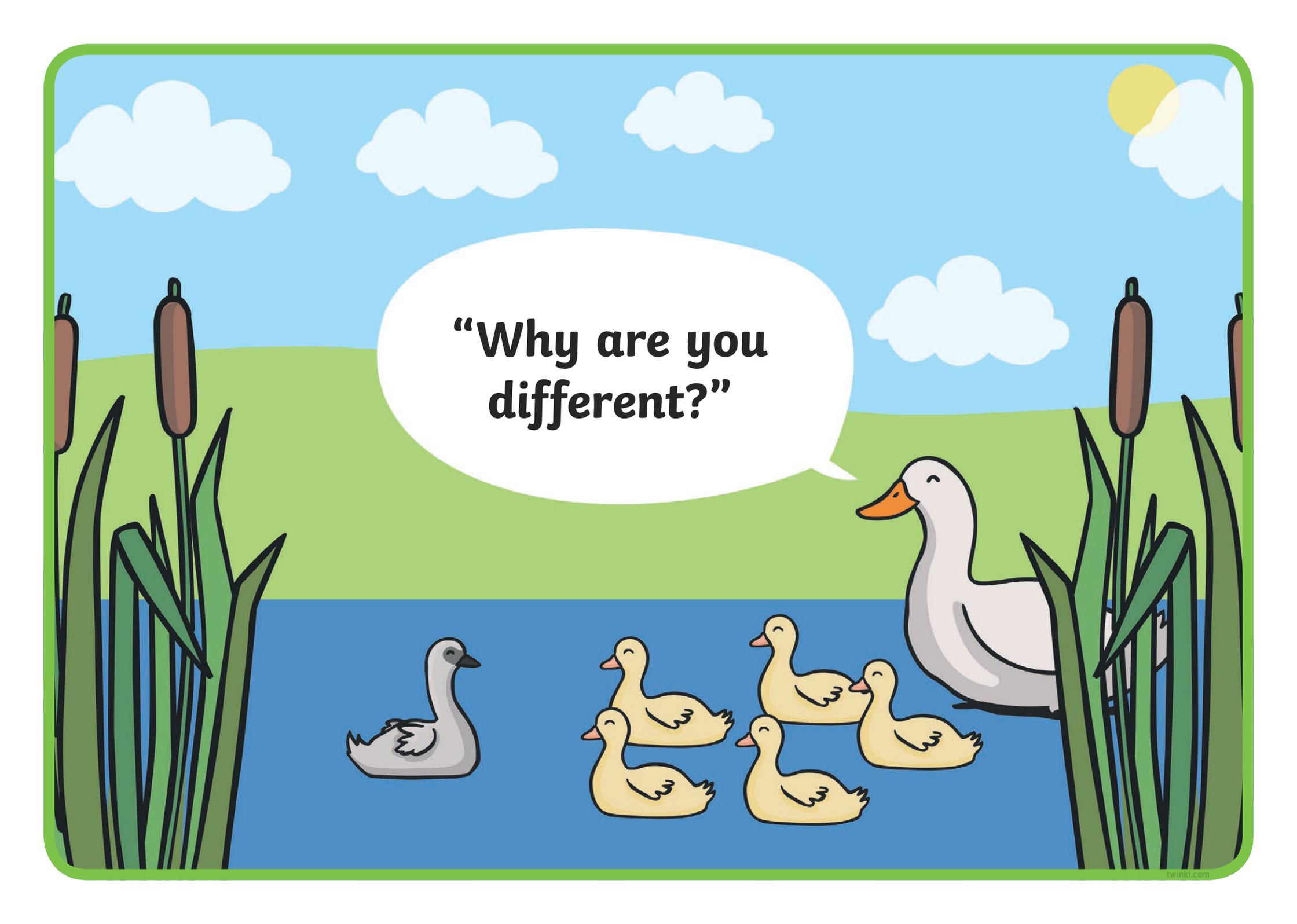


Finally the last duckling hatched.

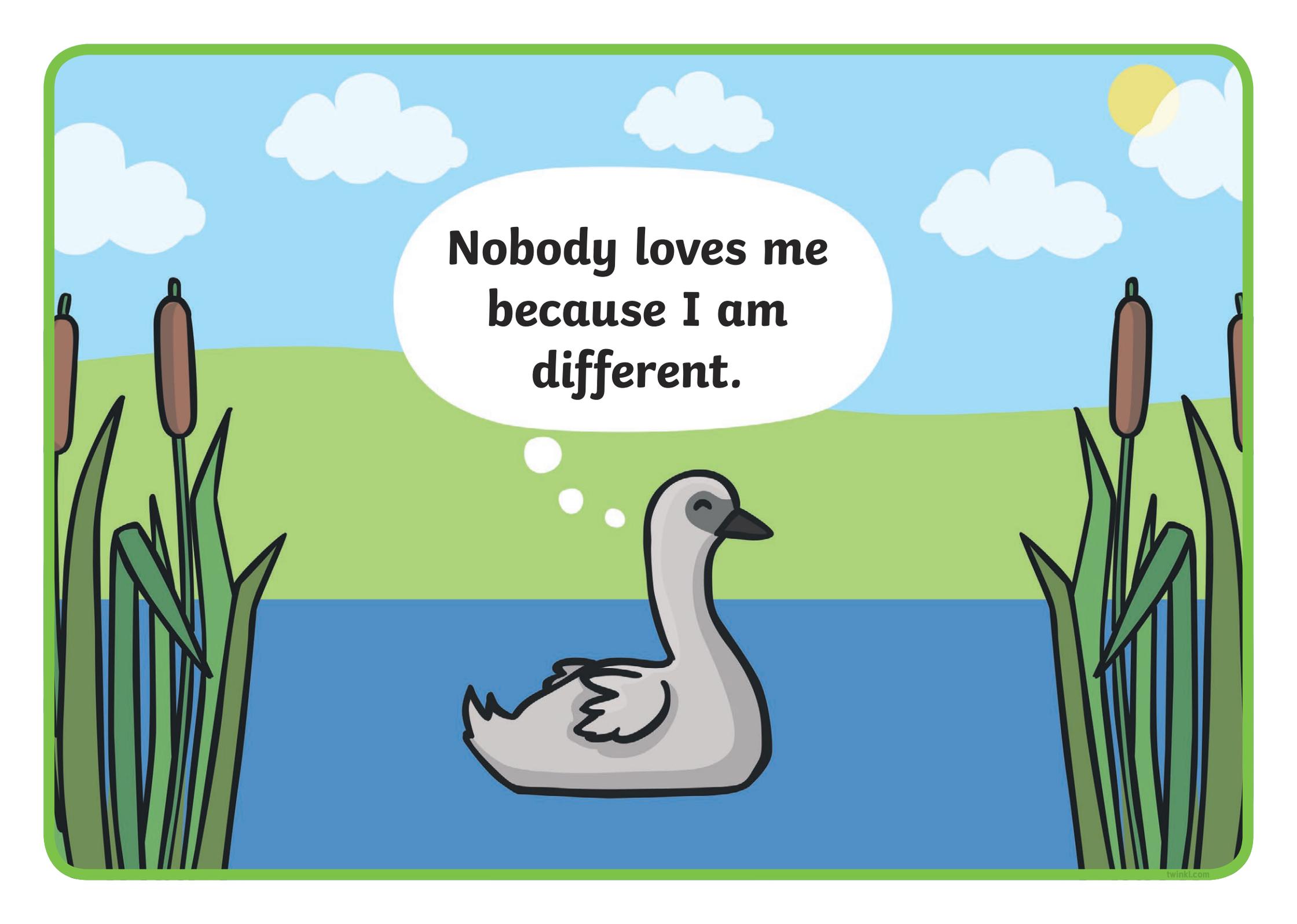


But he was different from the others.



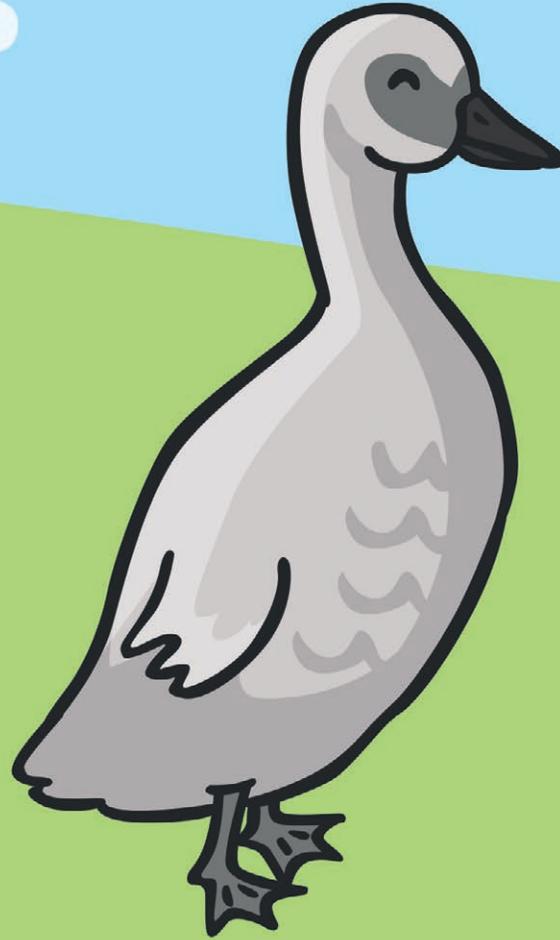


**“Why are you
different?”**

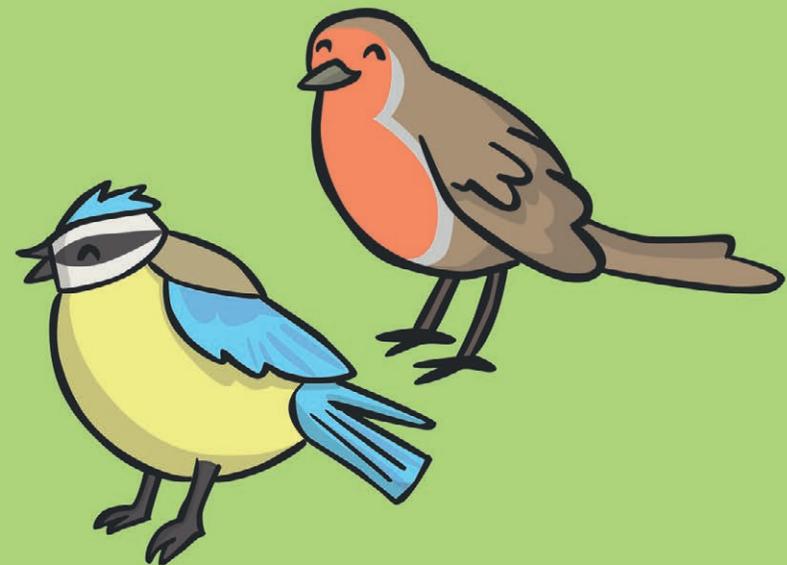
A cartoon illustration of a swan in a pond. The swan is white with a black beak and is swimming in a blue pond. There are green reeds with brown cattails on both sides of the pond. In the background, there are green hills, a blue sky with white clouds, and a yellow sun. A large white thought bubble is above the swan, containing the text: "Nobody loves me because I am different."

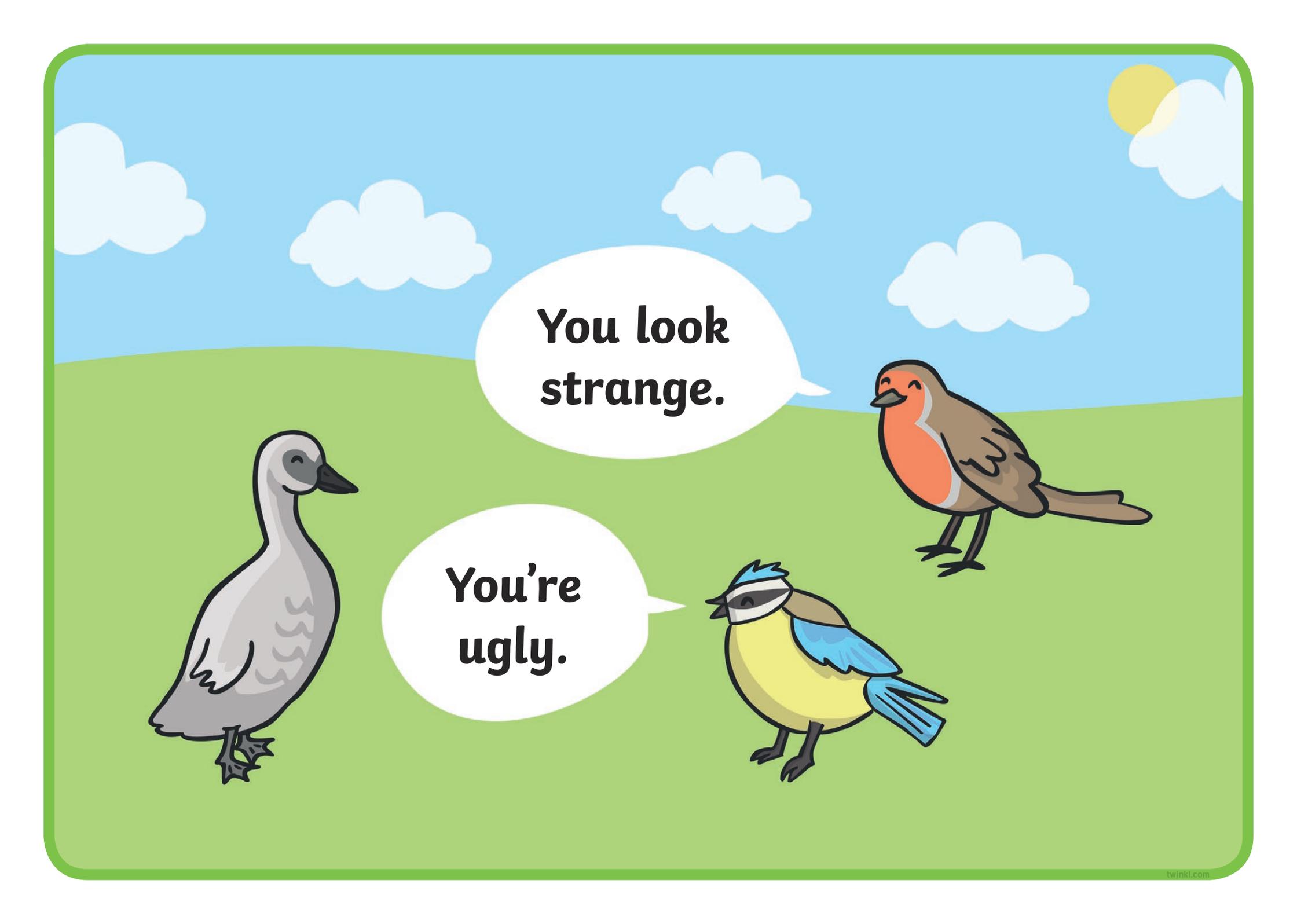
**Nobody loves me
because I am
different.**

**The ugly duckling left home
to look for a place he belonged.**



He came across some other birds, but they did not want to be friends with such an odd looking duckling.





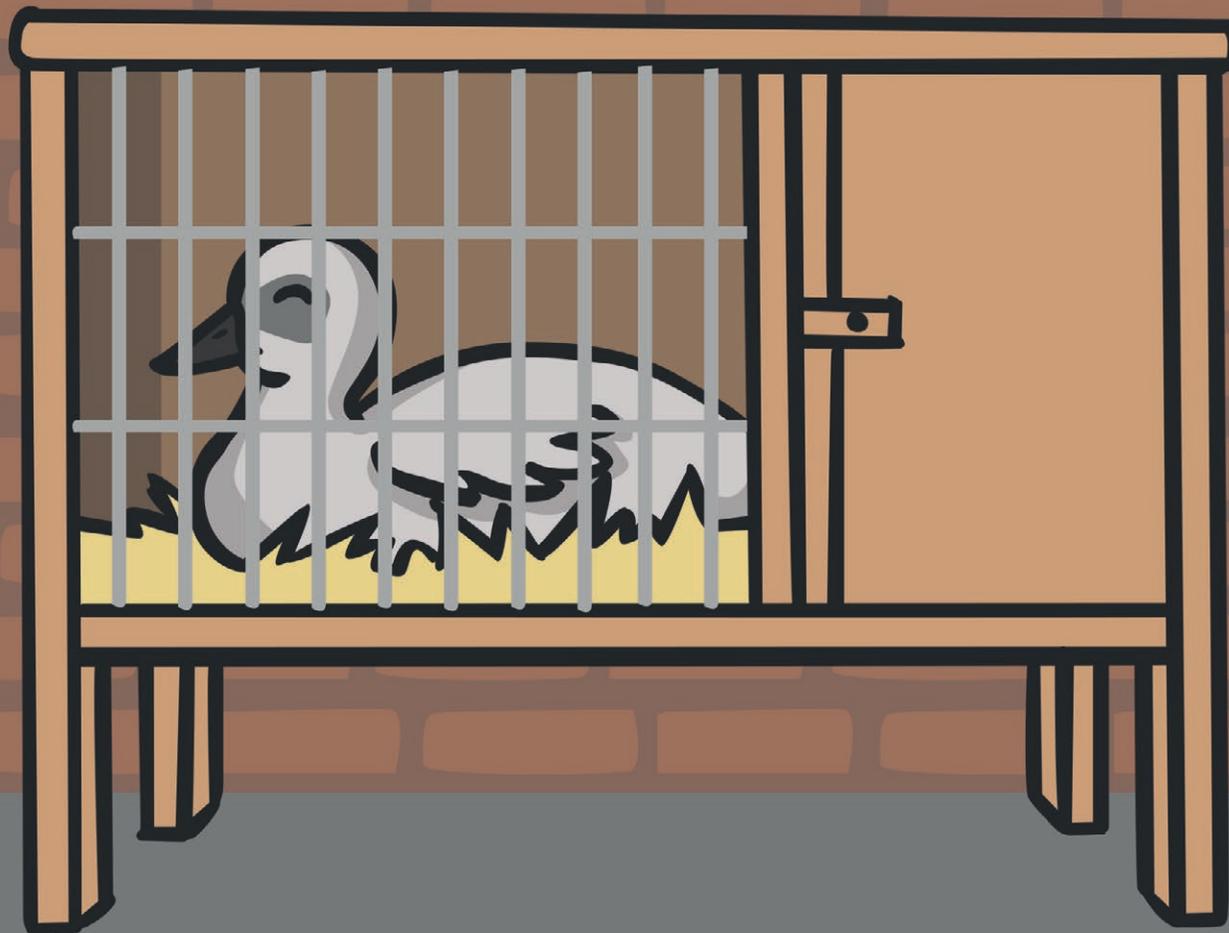
**You look
strange.**

**You're
ugly.**

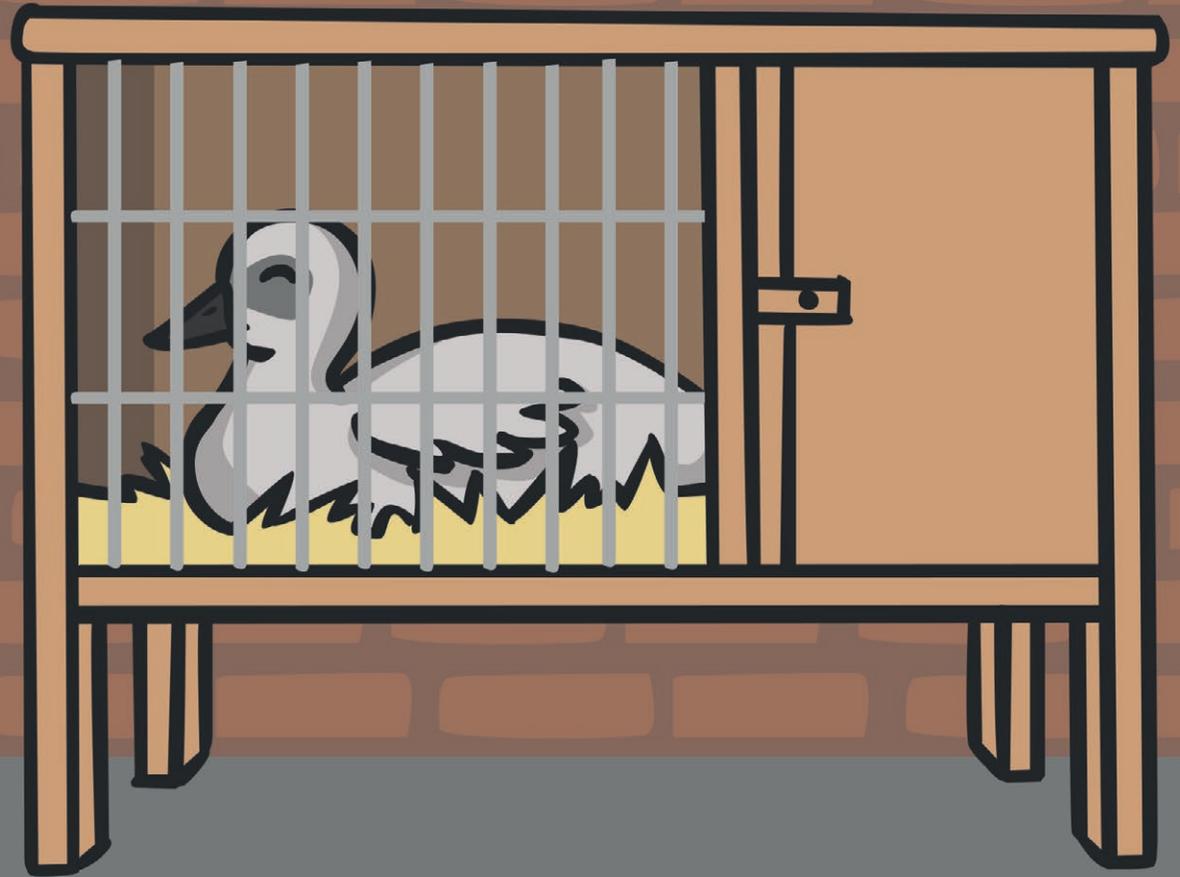
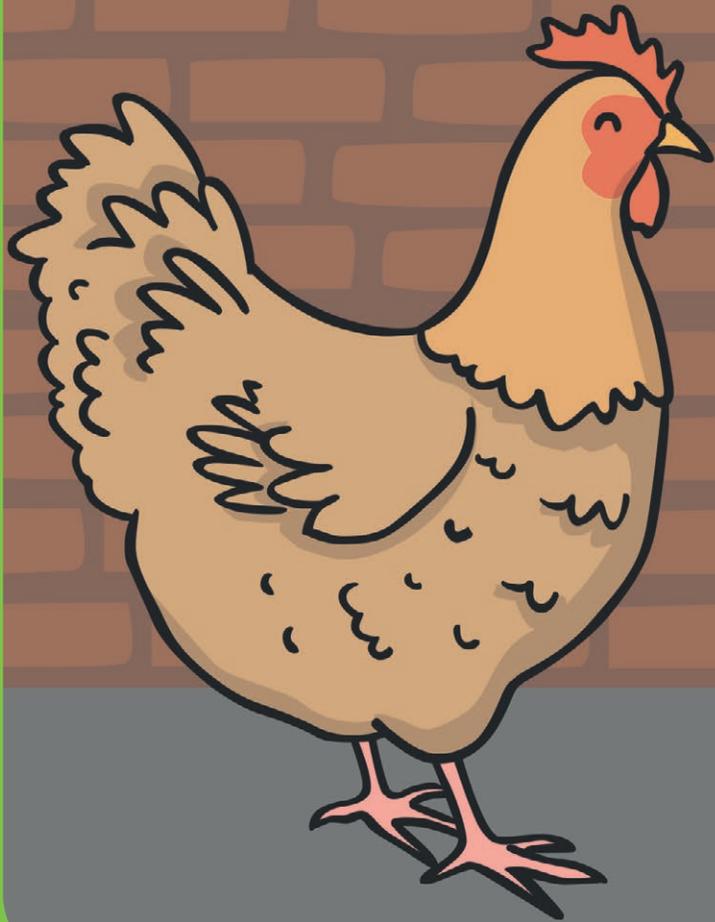
The duckling was very sad and waddled away.



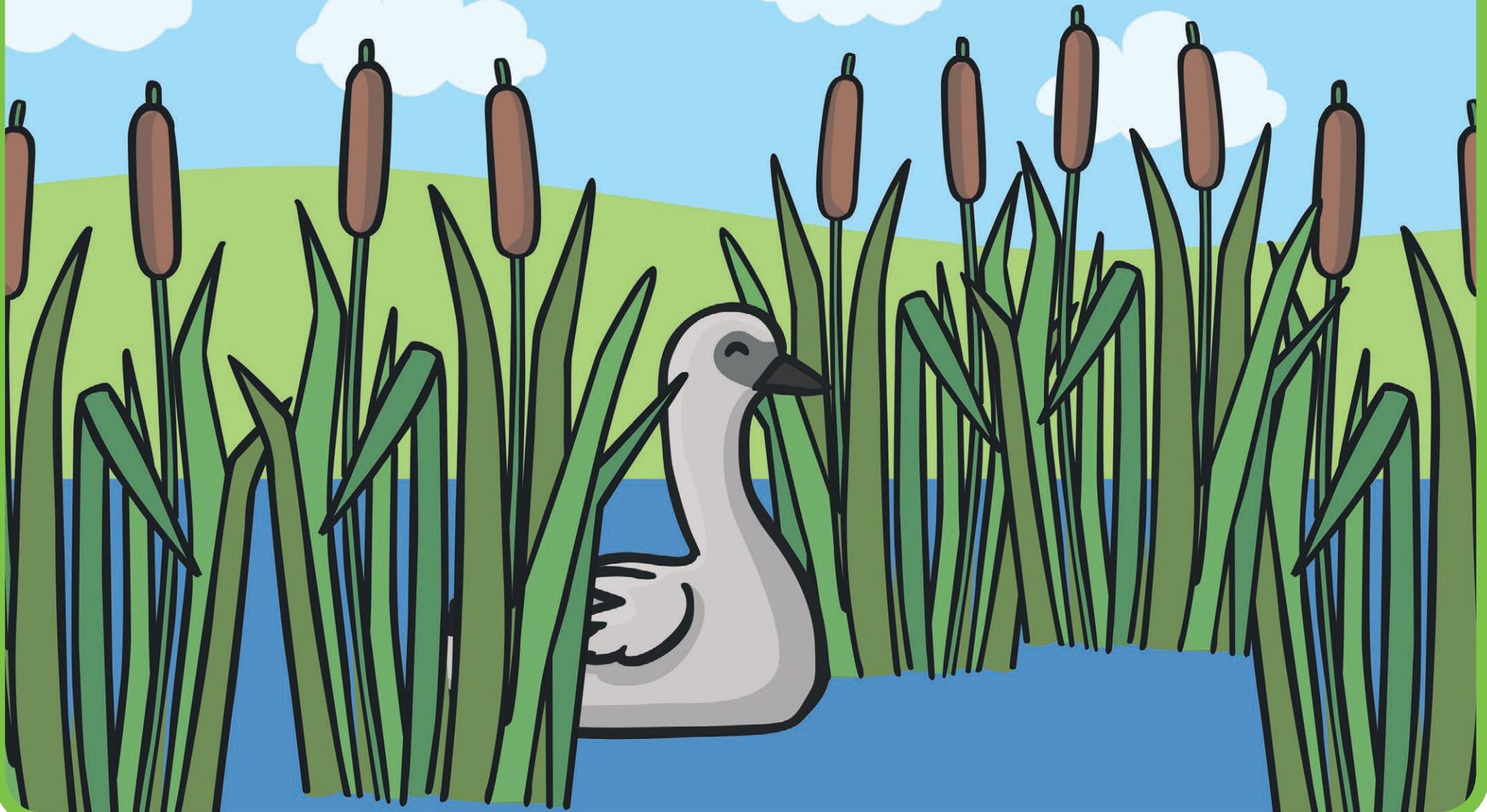
**An old woman found the duckling
and put him in her hutch.**



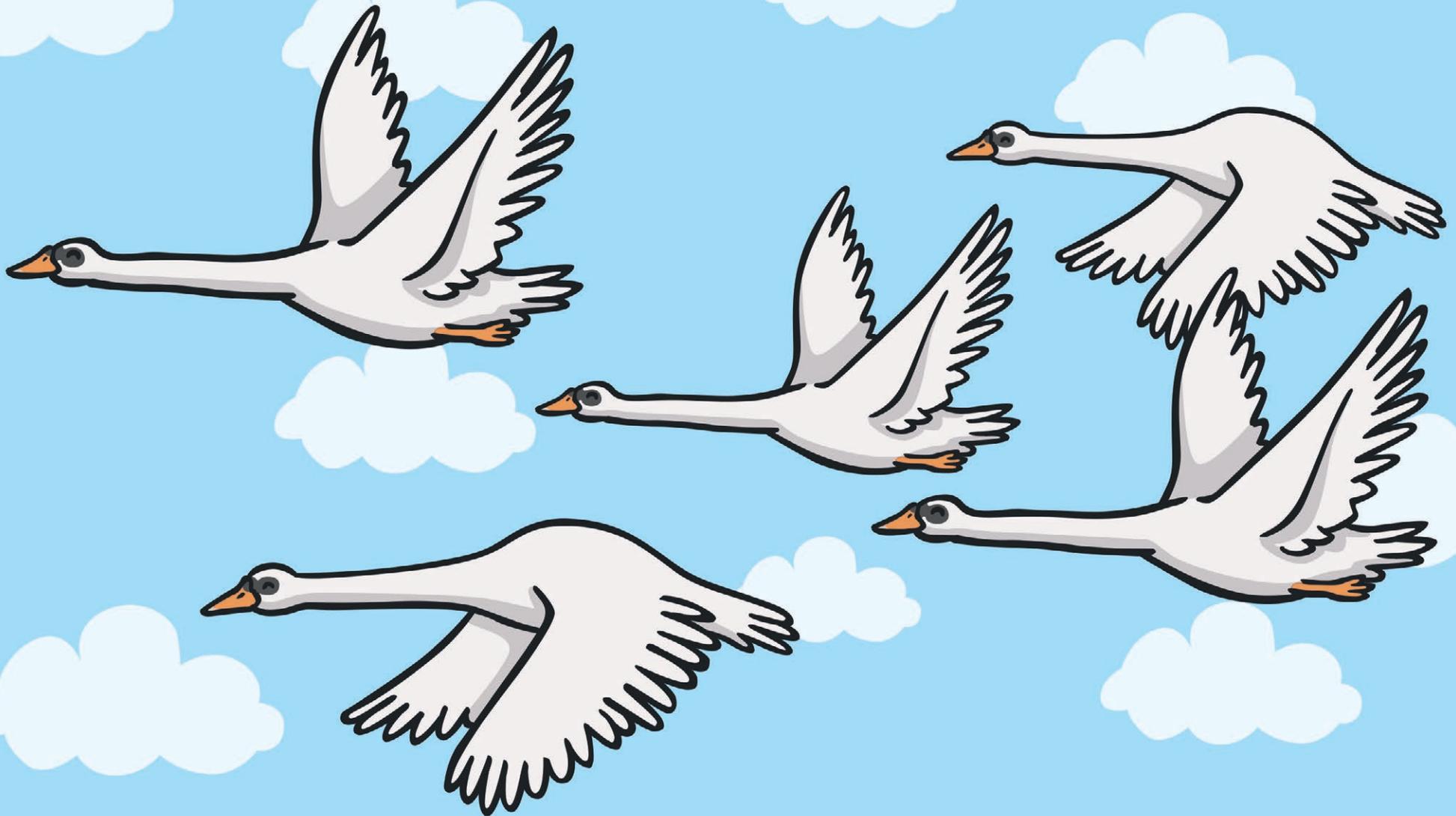
**The woman's hen warned the duckling
she planned to eat him.**



The poor duckling escaped and hid in some reeds.



**He saw some beautiful birds fly above
and wished he was like them.**

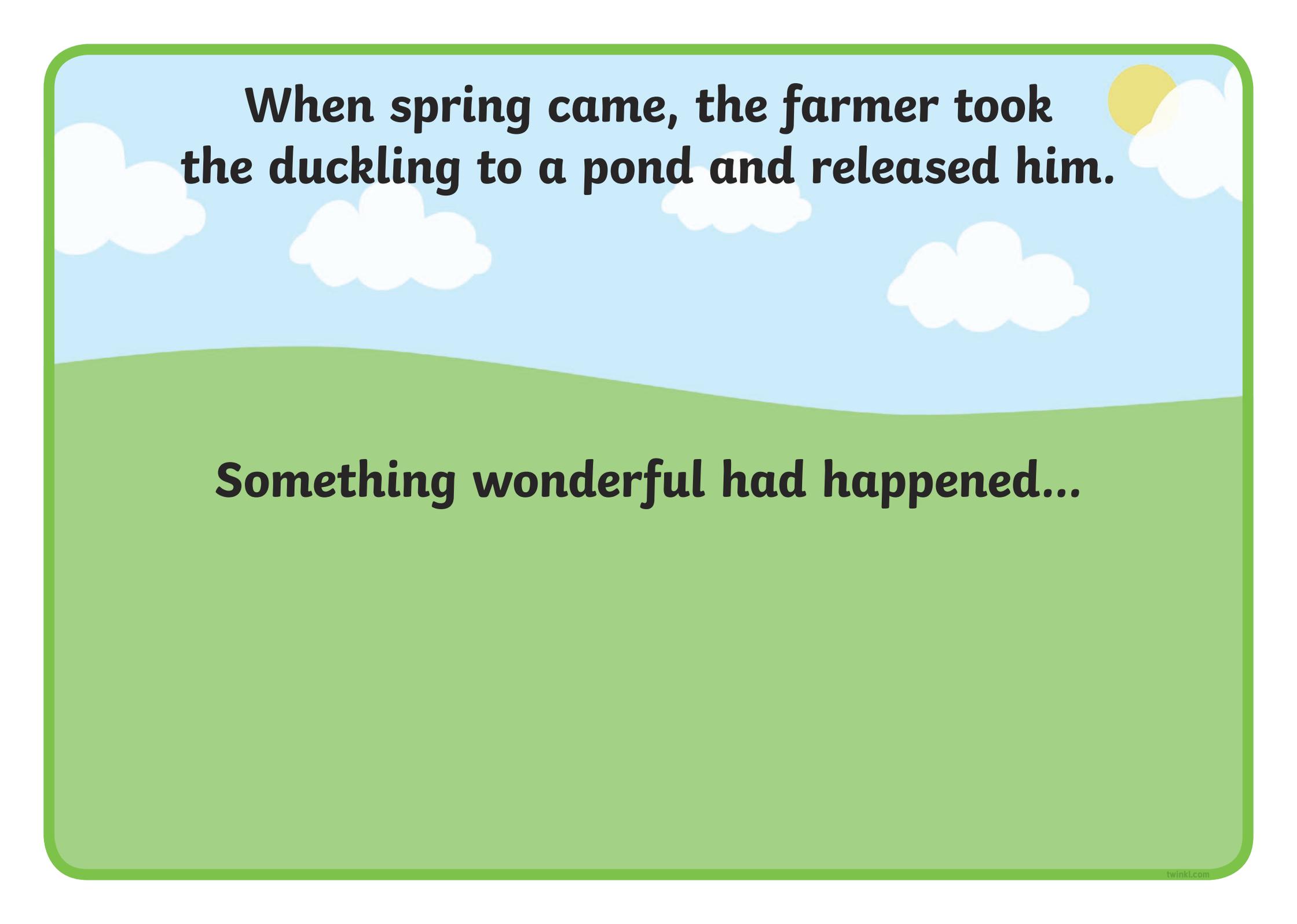


Winter came and the duckling was cold.



**But a farmer found him
and kept him safe until spring.**



A bright, cheerful illustration of a spring landscape. The sky is a clear, light blue, featuring a bright yellow sun in the upper right corner and several fluffy white clouds scattered across the upper half. Below the sky is a rolling green hill that spans the width of the scene. The entire illustration is enclosed within a rounded rectangular frame with a thick green border.

**When spring came, the farmer took
the duckling to a pond and released him.**

Something wonderful had happened...

...the duckling had grown into a beautiful swan!



**He soon made lots of new friends
and was the most beautiful swan of them all!**

