

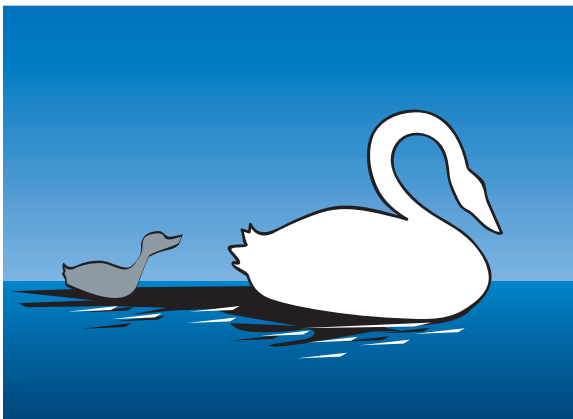
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The poor duckling, had crept out of his shell last of all. He looked so ugly! He was bitten and pushed and made fun of, not only by the ducks, but by all the poultry. "He is too big," they all said. The turkey, who fancied himself really an emperor, puffed himself out like a vessel in full sail. He flew at the duckling, and became quite red in the face with passion. The poor little duckling did not know where to go. He was quite miserable because he was so ugly and laughed at by the whole farmyard. So it went on from day to day till it got worse and worse. The poor duckling was driven about by every one; even his brothers and sisters were unkind to him. They would say, "Ah, you ugly creature, I wish the cat would get you." The ducks pecked him, the chickens beat him, and the girl who fed the poultry kicked him with her feet. So at last he ran away, frightening the little birds in the hedge as he flew off.



Circle the letter of the word that means almost the same thing as the underlined word. Use the rest of the sentence to help find the correct meaning of the word.

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2. "The turkey, who fancied himself really an emperor..."  
A. ran    B. dressed    C. believed
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A. ship    B. cake    C. goose
4. "...became quite red in the face with passion..."  
A. sunrise    B. rain    C. anger
5. "was quite miserable because he was so ugly and laughed at..."  
A. calm    B. unhappy    C. hungry
6. "...even his brothers and sisters were unkind to him..."  
A. mean    B. helpful    C. asleep
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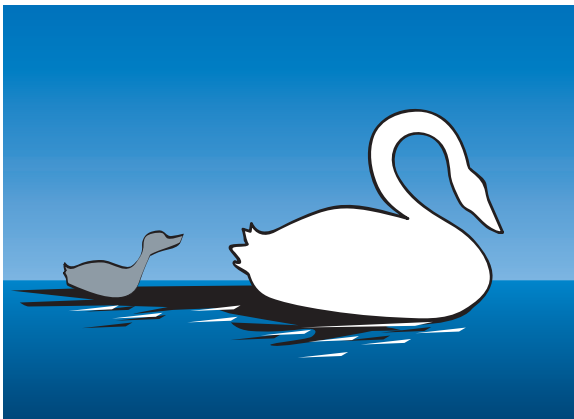
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