

Ducks To Water

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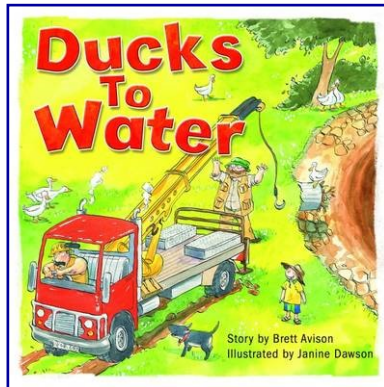
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The duck pond is dry and Bryn wants to know why. It turns out the drain to the pond is blocked, but what can help shift it?

It's time to get the big crane out for some heavy lifting. Meanwhile, Oscar finds himself in a very strange predicament.....



Themes:

- Ducks
- Farms
- Fixing things
- Helping out
- Trying things
- Sayings

Discussion Points

- Do you live on a farm or do you know someone who does?
- What are some of the differences of farm life and city life?
- What caused the drain to be blocked? How hard would it be for the ducks and other animals to survive on the farm without a pond or a lake?
- What were some of the tools and machinery that Bryn, Ted and Ken used to try and fix the problem with the pipe?
- Can you recall how many ducklings hatched?
- Why do you think that the ducklings thought that Oscar was their mother?
- Have you ever heard of the saying 'Like a Duck to Water'? As a class, look up the meaning of it and then think of as many sayings like this one as you can.
- What new game did the ducklings learn? Who did they learn it from?

Activities:

- There are a number of organisations that run duck hatching programs for schools. See if you can arrange one from your area.
- There is a page attached that has been prepared by the illustrator, Janine Dawson, (it is also available at her website) that shows the children how they can draw a dog. We are sure they will have fun trying!