

Narrator 7: said the Duck.

Cat: "Not I,"

Narrator 8: said the Cat.

Dog: "Not I,"

Narrator 9: said the Dog.

Little Blue Hen: "Then I will,"

Narrator 10: said the Little Blue Hen, and she reached for the phone.

Narrator 11: She called the water district; someone came to her home.

Narrator 12: The water inspector was proud of what she'd done.

Narrator 13: He said,

Water Inspector: "Who will accept this award; is there someone?"

Duck: "Oh! I will,"

Narrator 7: said the Duck.

Cat: "I will,"

Narrator 8: said the Cat.

Dog: "I will,"

Narrator 9: said the Dog.

Little Blue Hen: "No, No!"

Narrator 5: said the Little Blue Hen.

Little Blue Hen: "I will do that."

Narrator 6: And she did.

All: The little Blue Hen shows us the way to save water every day.



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Reader's Theater

The Little Blue Hen: A Conservation Story

PREVIEW: A Hen tries to get her housemates, a duck, a cat and a dog, to help save water.

GENRE: humor, poetry

CULTURE: American

THEME: conservation

READERS: 20

READER AGES: 7–10

LENGTH: 8 minutes

ROLES: Narrators, Little Blue Hen, Duck, Cat, Dog, Water Inspector

VOCABULARY AS THEY APPEAR IN THE STORY...

Timer: a device for measuring elapsed time

Water bill: notice of payment due for amount of water used

Deplore: to strongly disapprove

Low-flow shower head: shower head that flows at a rate of 2.0 gallons/minute or less (industry standard is 2.5 gallons/minute)

Faucet: A device for regulating the flow of water

Aerator: a device to slow the flow of faucets to 1.5 gallons/minute in bathrooms and 2.2 gallons/minute in the kitchen

Screw: to attach by twisting into place

Shirk: to avoid or neglect

Water district: government organization to manage water supply in the county

WaterWise House Call: visit by water district personnel to check for leaks, replace old showerheads and flappers in leaking toilets, install aerators on all faucets and check sprinklers for flow and leaks

Inspector: an official who checks that things meet certain regulations and standards

Award: prize for something done, completed or accomplished

The Little Blue Hen: A Conservation Story

By Kathy Machado

Narrator 1: The Little Blue Hen was watching TV.

Narrator 2: She saw an ad that was meant for you and me.

Narrator 3: It said,

Narrator 4: "Saving water is a must."

Narrator 5: "Use a timer in the shower that you can trust!"

Narrator 6: The Little Blue Hen said,

Little Blue Hen: "Who will put this timer in our shower? We can't waste water another hour!"

Duck: "Not I,"

Narrator 7: said the Duck.

Cat: "Not I,"

Narrator 8: said the Cat.

Dog: "Not I,"

Narrator 9: said the Dog.

Narrator 10: But the Little Blue Hen said,

Little Blue Hen: "Yes, I will."

Narrator 11: She put the timer in the shower and cut their water bill!

Narrator 12: Still the Little Blue Hen felt she could save more

Narrator 13: because wasting water, she did deplore!

Little Blue Hen: "Who will install this low-flow shower head? Can someone do it before we go to bed?"

Duck: "Not I,"

Narrator 7: said the Duck.

Cat: "Not I,"

Narrator 8: said the Cat.

Dog: "Not I,"

Narrator 9: said the Dog.

Little Blue Hen: "Then I will do it,"



Narrator 14: said the Little Blue Hen.

Little Blue Hen: "I can do it before you count to ten!"

Narrator 15: Then the Little Blue Hen said,

Little Blue Hen: "The flow from our faucets is too much; it isn't right. Who will put on aerators and screw them on tight?"

Duck: "Not I,"

Narrator 7: said the Duck.

Cat: "Not I,"

Narrator 8: said the Cat.

Dog: "Not I,"

Narrator 9: said the Dog.

Narrator 10: The Little Blue Hen said,

Little Blue Hen: "I will do the work; saving water's one job I will not shirk!"

Narrator 14: The Little Blue Hen knew she wasn't done.

Narrator 15: Besides saving water can be fun!

Narrator 1: The Little Blue Hen said,

Little Blue Hen: "Who will help? There is more to do. Who will fix the toilet? Will it be one of you?"

Duck: "Not I,"

Narrator 7: said the Duck.

Cat: "Not I,"

Narrator 8: said the Cat.

Dog: "Not I,"

Narrator 9: said the Dog.

Narrator 2: The little Blue Hen stopped the leak.

Narrator 3: She was saving lots of water every day of the week.

Little Blue Hen: "Will someone call the water district?"

Narrator 4: She wanted to know. A WaterWise House call was her goal.

Duck: "Not I,"

