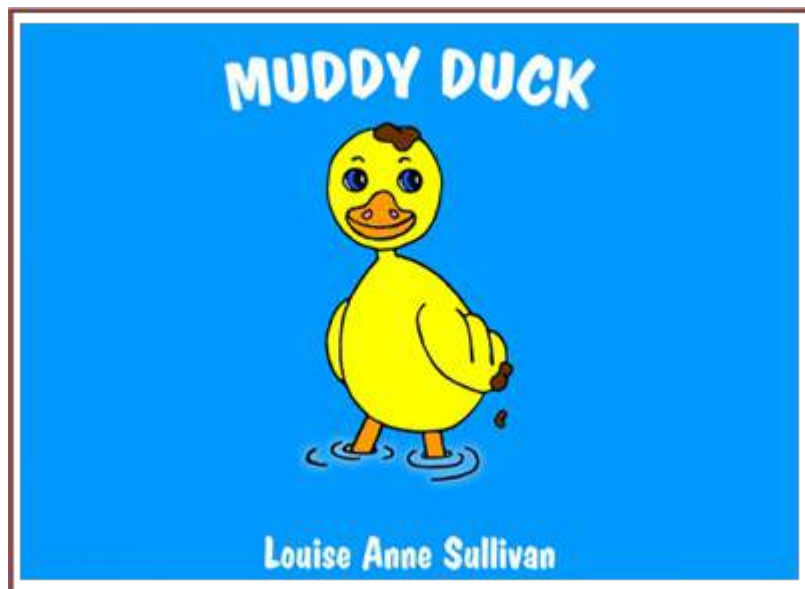





Muddy duck



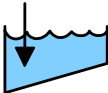




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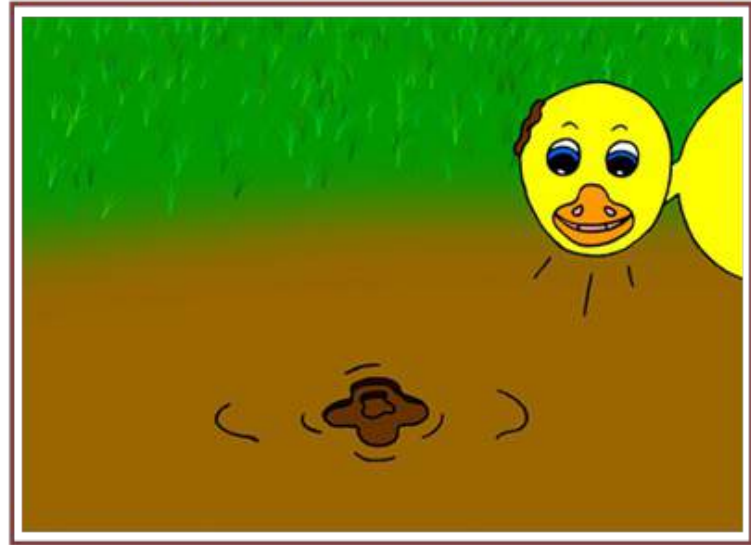
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 Muddy duck, he loves to wallow,

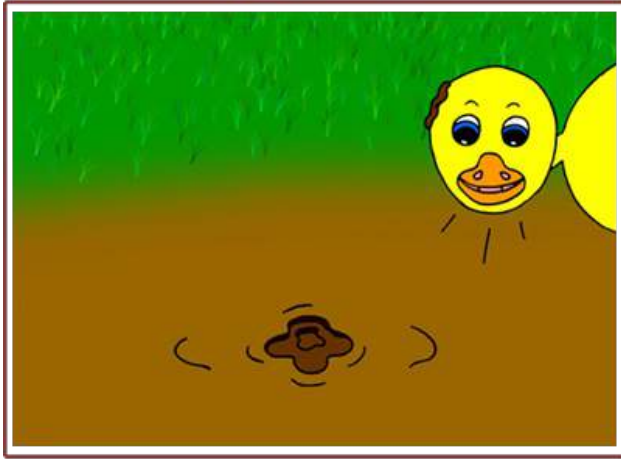





 deep inside his muddy hollow!







 Muddy duck waddled down, to his duck pond.





 Muddy Duck saw some footprints



 in the mud.







 Muddy Duck hadn't seen footprints





 like them before.







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



 "Quack, whose footprints are these?"




 quacked Muddy Duck.



 "Neigh, neigh, neigh laddie,

 they're not my footprints!" neighed horse.



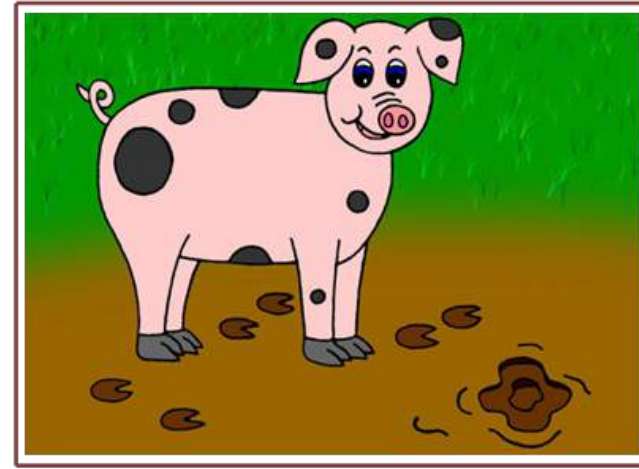



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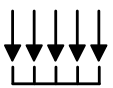





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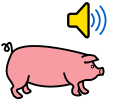
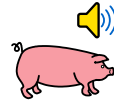







 "Eeaw, eeaw ee, all I know is








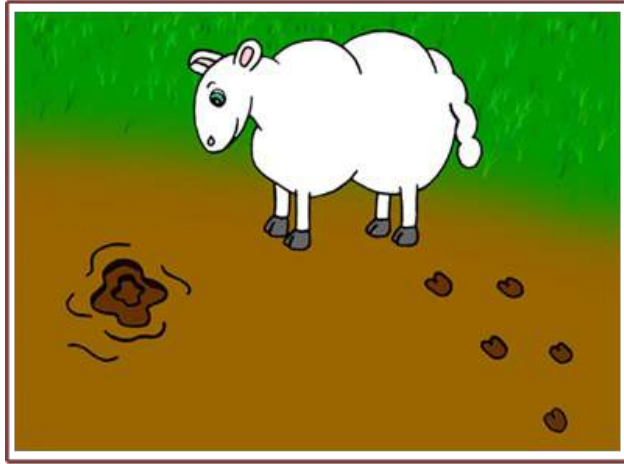

 they're not my footprints!" eeawed donkey.

 "Oink, oink, oi, I don't know,



 they're not my footprints!" oinked pig.








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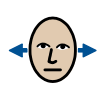


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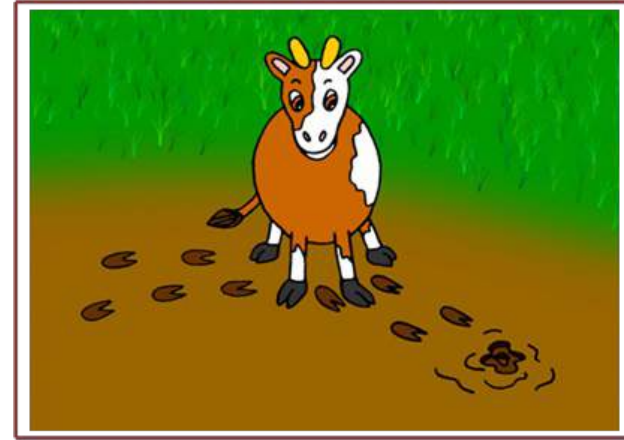
 quacked Muddy Duck.

 "Baa, baa, naa, me neither,

 they're not my footprints!" baaed sheep.






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 "Quack, whose footprints are these?"

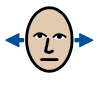




 quacked Muddy Duck.



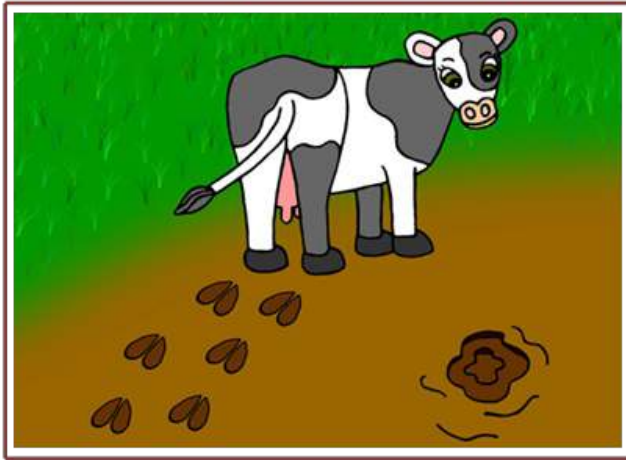


 "Neeah, neeah, naa, no way,





 they're not my footprints!" neeahed goat.



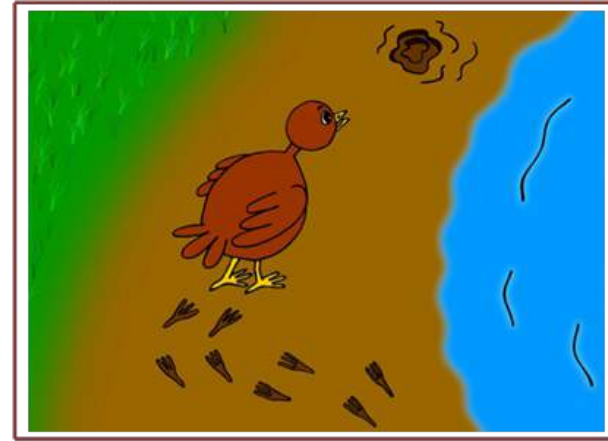



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



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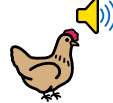


 quacked Muddy Duck.

 "Moo, moo, noo, no,

 they're not my footprints!" mooed cow.

 "Cluck, cluck, c, look elsewhere,






 they're not my footprints!" clucked chicken.






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 "Quack, whose footprints are these?"




 quacked Muddy Duck.






 "Woof, you're barking up the wrong tree,





 they're not my footprints! "woofed dog.






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 "Quack, whose footprints are these?"




 quacked Muddy Duck.





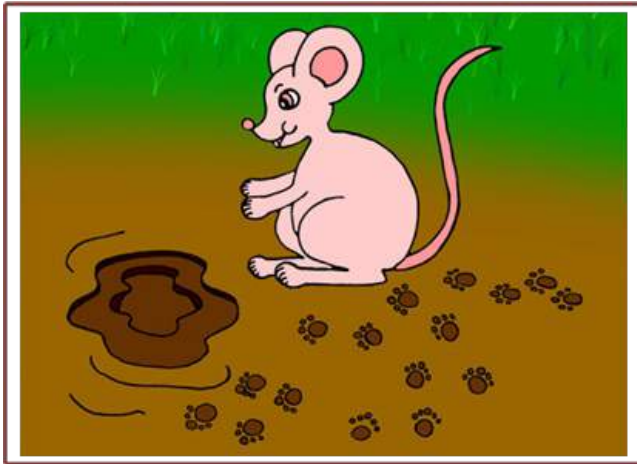


 "Meeow, meow ow, how do I know?







 They're not my footprints!" meowed cat.






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 "Quack, whose footprints are these?"

 quacked Muddy Duck.



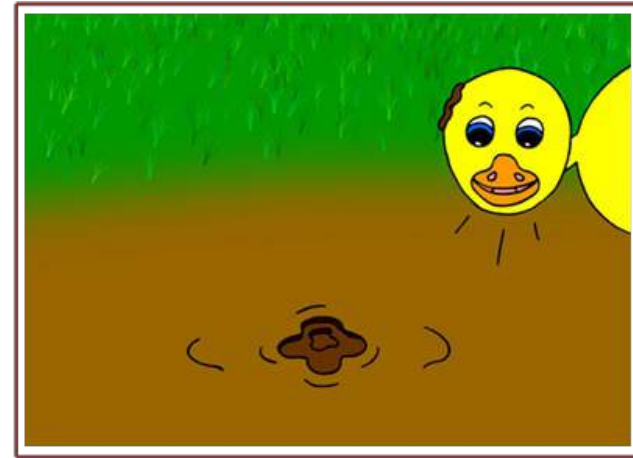



 "Squeak, squeak, ee, don't blame me,






 they're not my footprints!" squeaked mouse.











 Muddy duck quacked even louder,





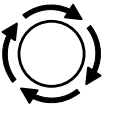


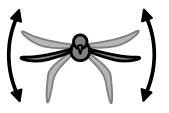



 "QUACK, QUACK, QUACK,

 they must be fox footprints!"





 Muddy duck  waddled  round his  duck pond,
 quacking and  flapping his  wings.

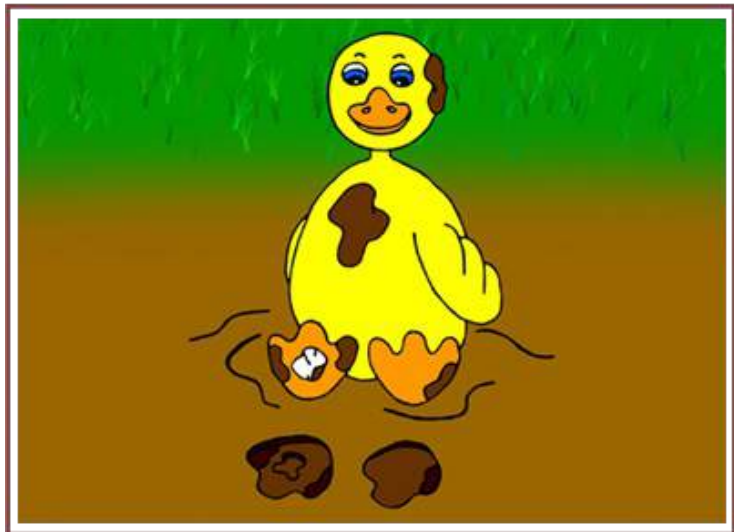



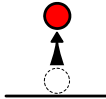


Then Muddy Duck stopped and looked at the mud.

 There were  more  footprints




=  like the 'fox'  footprints,

+  and they  stopped at  Muddy Duck's  feet.



 Muddy Duck lifted up his left foot

 and looked underneath.



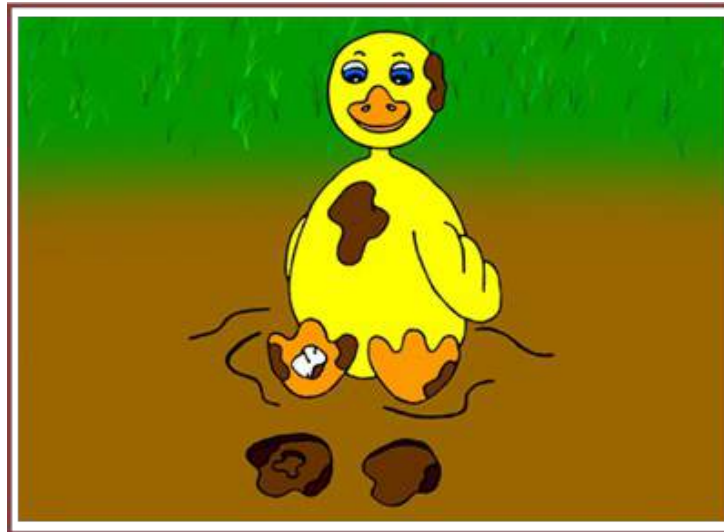






 There was just Muddy Duck's foot,








 and a bit of mud.



 Muddy Duck lifted up his right foot










 and looked underneath.

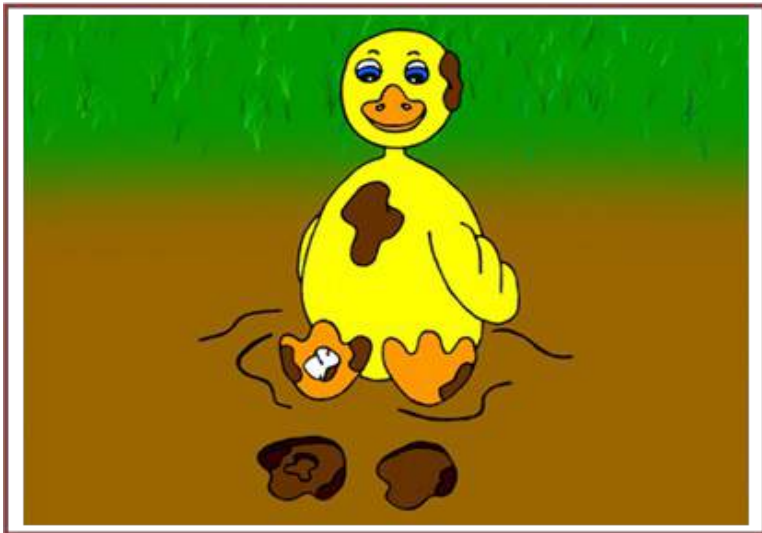


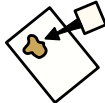





 There was Muddy Duck's foot,










 a bit of mud and something else.

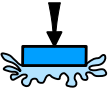




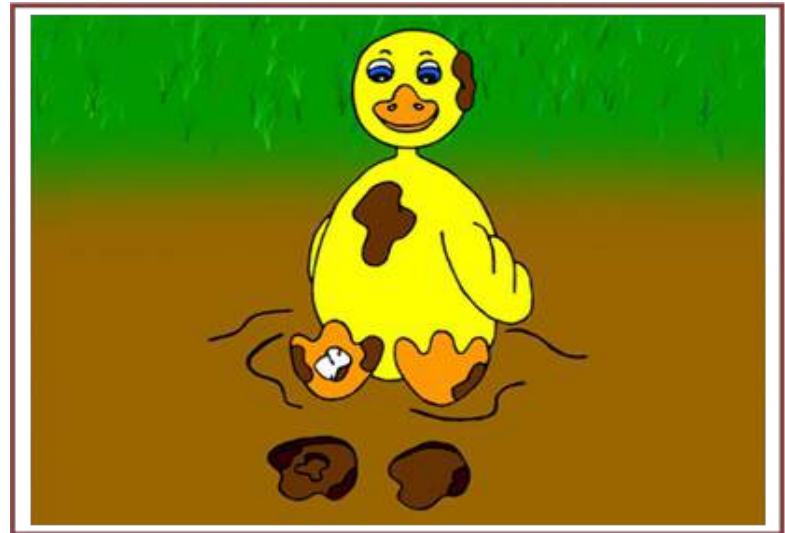
 Stuck in the mud,










 on Muddy Duck's foot,

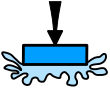







 was a squashed piece of bread.

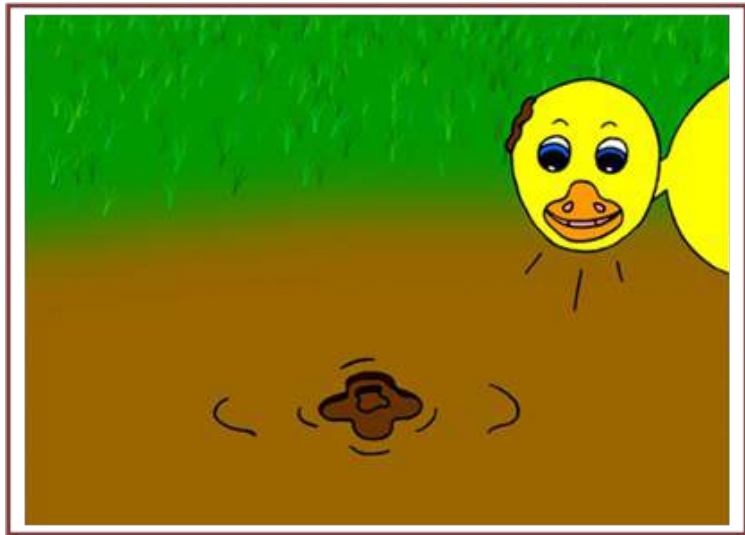














 When Muddy Duck trod in the mud,



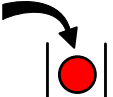


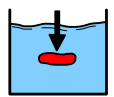








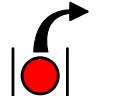

 the squashed bread made a funny 'footprint'.







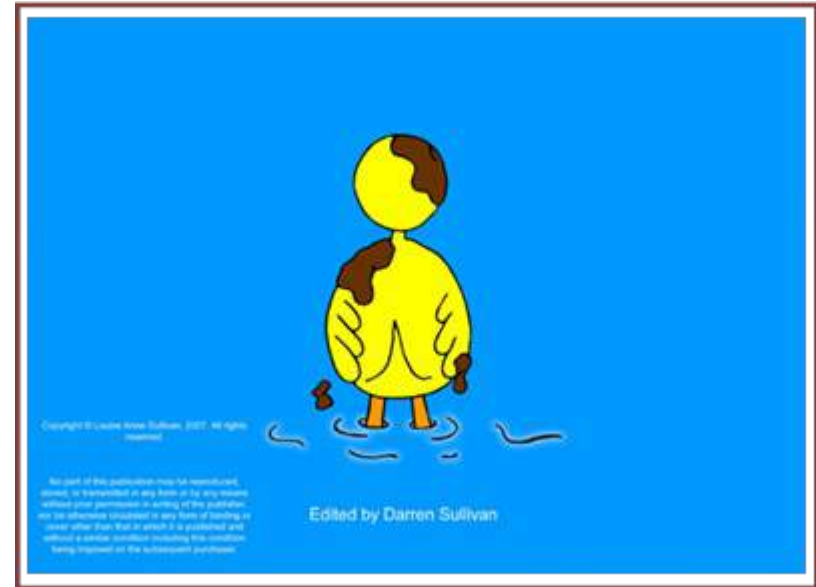

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 They weren't fox footprints,

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 they were Muddy Duck's footprints







 Muddy Duck dived into his duck pond,
 + 

 and swam underwater.






 When Muddy Duck waddled out of his duck pond,





 the bread wasn't stuck to his foot any more.



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,   
 But Muddy Duck was still a Muddy Duck!

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