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The Three Farmers

Down in the valley there were three farms. The owners of these farms had done well. They were rich men. They were also nasty men. All three of them were about as nasty and mean as any men you could meet. Their names were Farmer Boggis, Farmer Bunce and Farmer Bean.



Boggis was a chicken farmer. He kept thousands of chickens. He was enormously fat. This was because he ate three boiled chickens smothered with dumplings every day for breakfast, lunch and supper.



Bunce was a duck-and-geese farmer. He kept thousands of ducks and geese. He was a kind of pot-bellied dwarf. He was so short his chin would have been underwater in the shallow end of any swimming-pool in the world. His food was

doughnuts and goose-livers. He mashed the livers into a disgusting paste and then stuffed the paste into the doughnuts. This diet gave him a tummy-ache and a beastly temper.



Bean was a turkey-and-apple farmer. He kept

thousands of turkeys in an orchard full of apple trees. He never ate any food at all. Instead, he drank gallons of strong cider which he made from the apples in his orchard. He was as thin as a pencil and the cleverest of them all.



'Boggis and Bunce and Bean
One fat, one short, one lean.
These horrible crooks
So different in looks
Were none the less equally mean.'

That is what the children round about used to

sing when they saw them.



L.O. To answer retrieval questions based on what I have just read.

SC1: I can look back to the text and re-read the relevant section.

SC2: I can find the answer to the question and say/write the answer.

SC3: I can point to where it says the answer in the text.

Challenge: I can write the quote from the text which tells me the answer, using quotation marks.

1.) Write down three words which describe the farmers. (Page 1)

2.) What did Boggis look like? (Page 2)

3.) What did Bunce look like? (Page 2)

4.) What did Bean look like? (Page 3)

5.) How was Bean different to Boggis and Bunce? (pages 2-3)

6.) Find and copy two words from the song the children would sing which shows that the farmers were unkind (page 3)