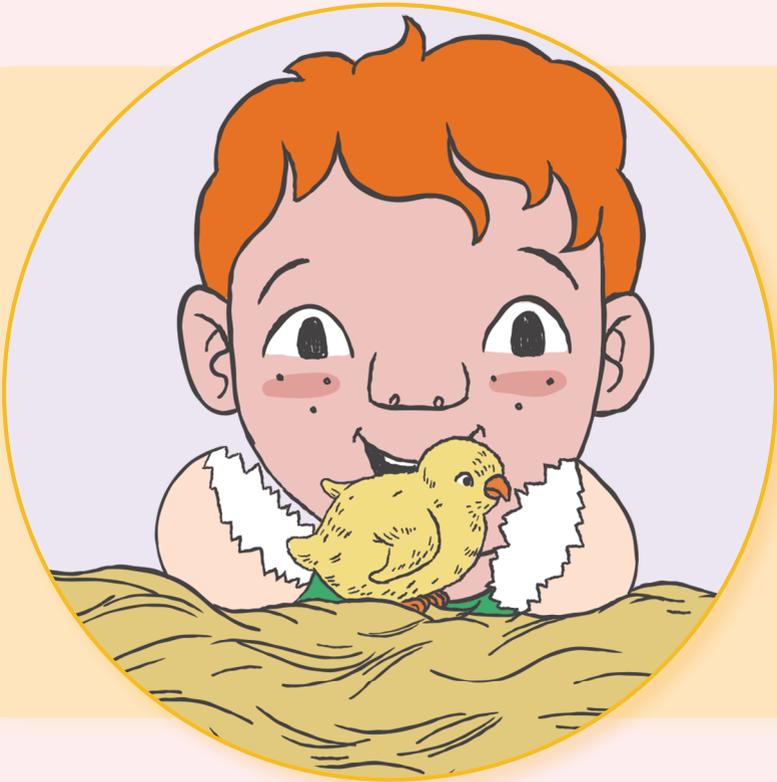


# Ben Sees a Chick



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## Green words

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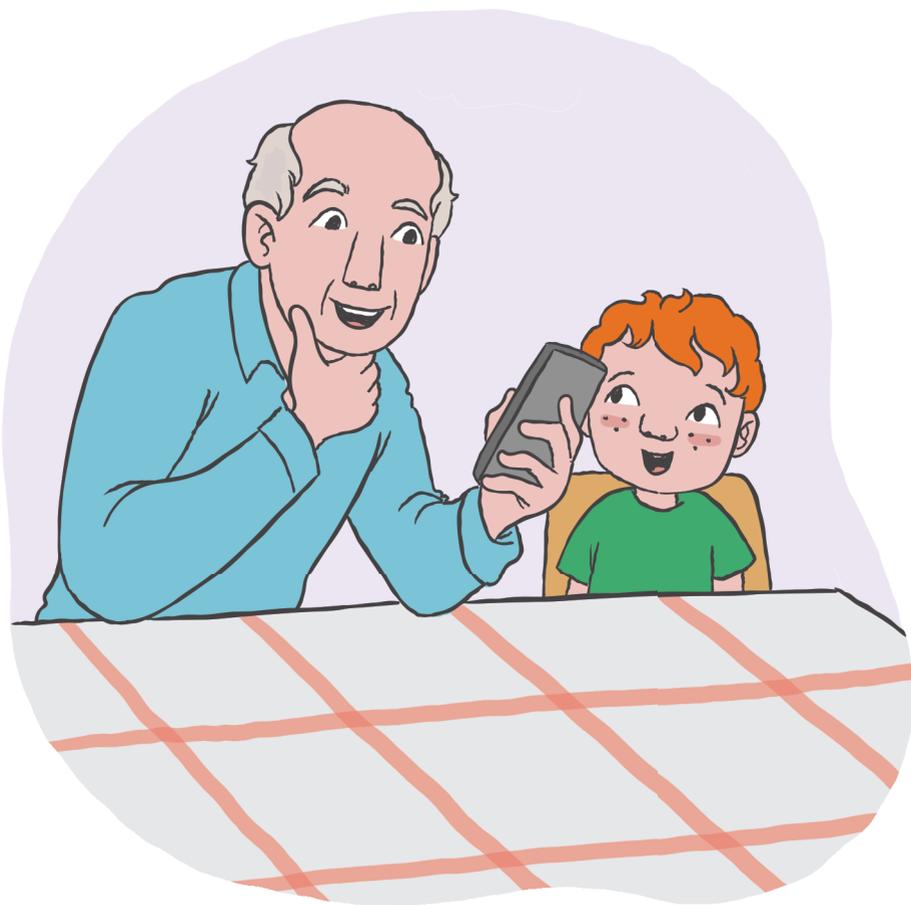
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Pops hears a text ping.

“Ben, pet. My friend Jill says she has some hens with eggs near to cracking. Shall we go see them?”

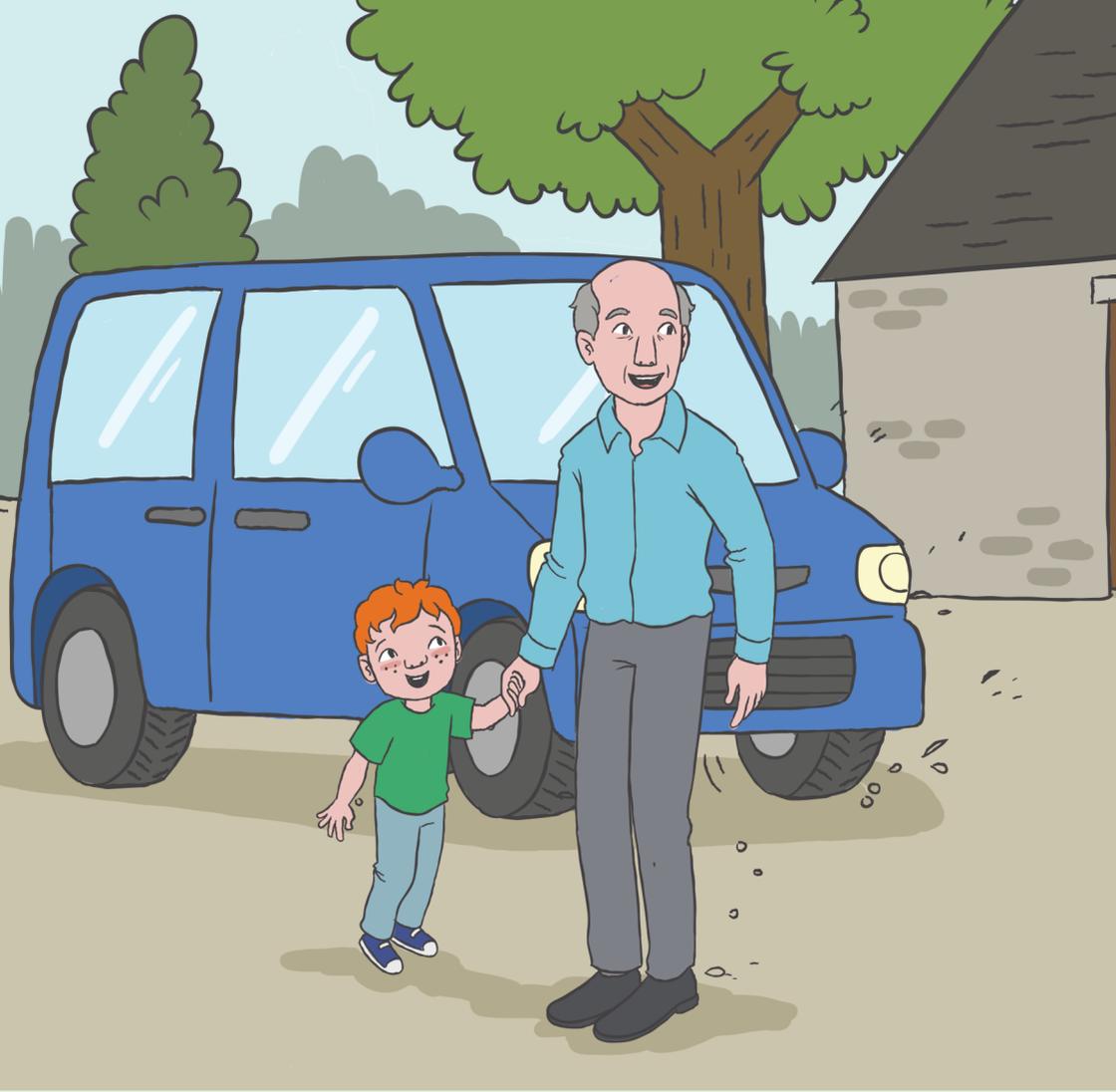
Ben nods.



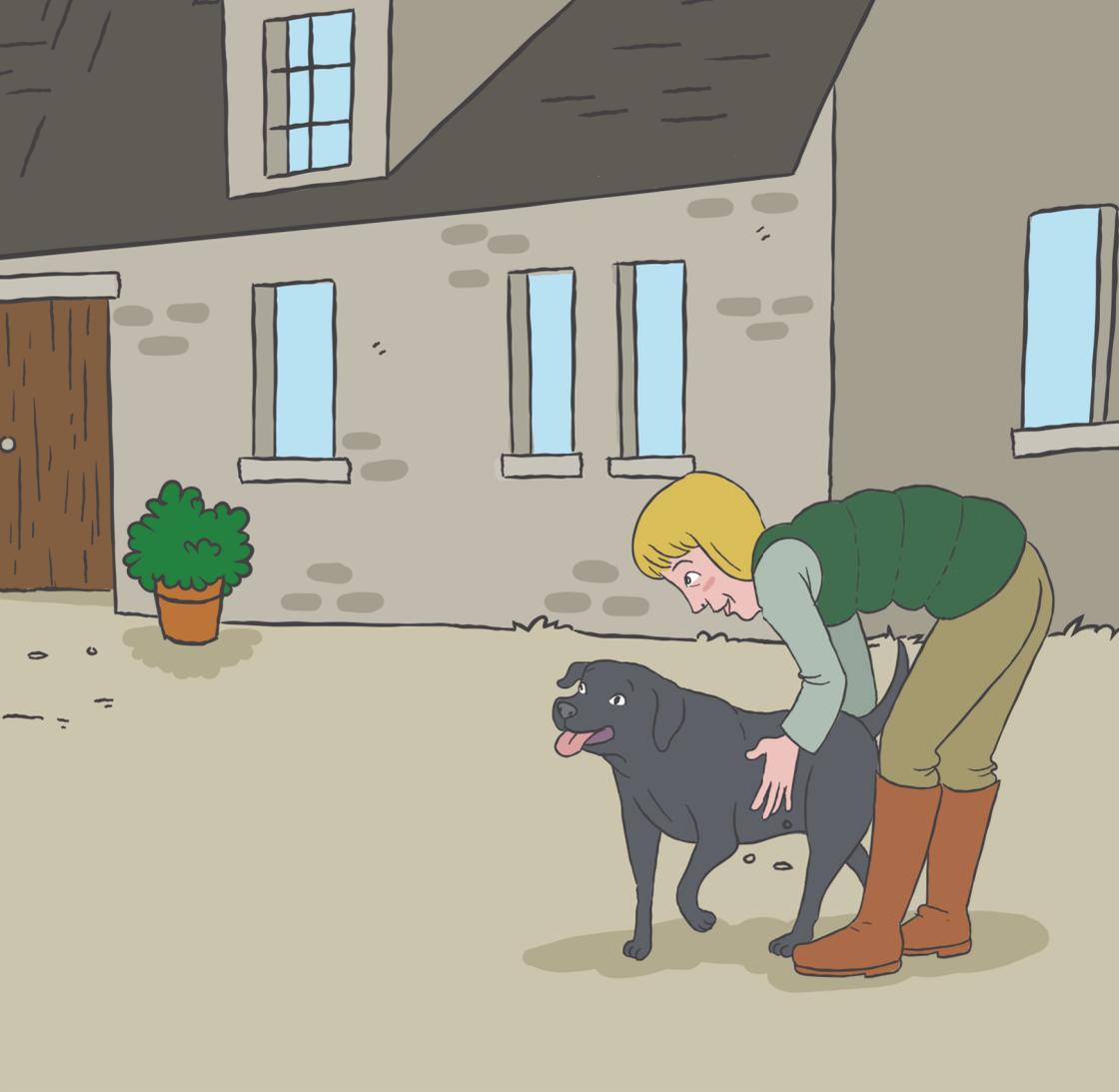
Pops unplugs the car. He clips Ben in to sit in the back. He puts the car in gear and it creeps off.



At Jill's, the car crunches on the gravel.  
Her dog, Brock, hears and barks.



“Come here, Brock! It’s just Ben and his Pops. No need to fear.”  
Jill pats his big, sleek tum and rubs his soft, black ears.



“Ben, dear. How good to see you. This year there are six chicks waiting to crack out of the eggs. Come see.”



Ben hears the soft clucking of the hens. Garlic and Nutmeg peck in the soil. In the dim shed, Bracken sits on her nest.



“Up you get, Bracken, dear,”  
says Jill.

Up gets Bracken and Ben can see  
the six eggs. An egg near him is  
rocking!



“Look, Ben.” Jill points to a crack in it. “That’s the pip.”



“Come near. Can you hear?”

Ben nods. A faint *peep, peep* comes from the egg. Then it is still.



“The chick is resting but it will push out soon,” Jill explains.

“Shall we wait?”

Ben nods.



So they do, until ...



... the egg cracks and there it is!  
Wet and flopping, but it's a chick!

# Questions

Can you answer these questions about the story?

1. Where did Pops and Ben go?
2. What are Bracken, Garlic and Nutmeg?
3. How do you think Ben felt when he spotted the chick?

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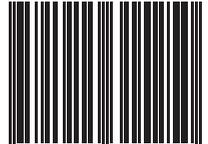
Phase 3

Ben waits to see a chick pop out of an egg.



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