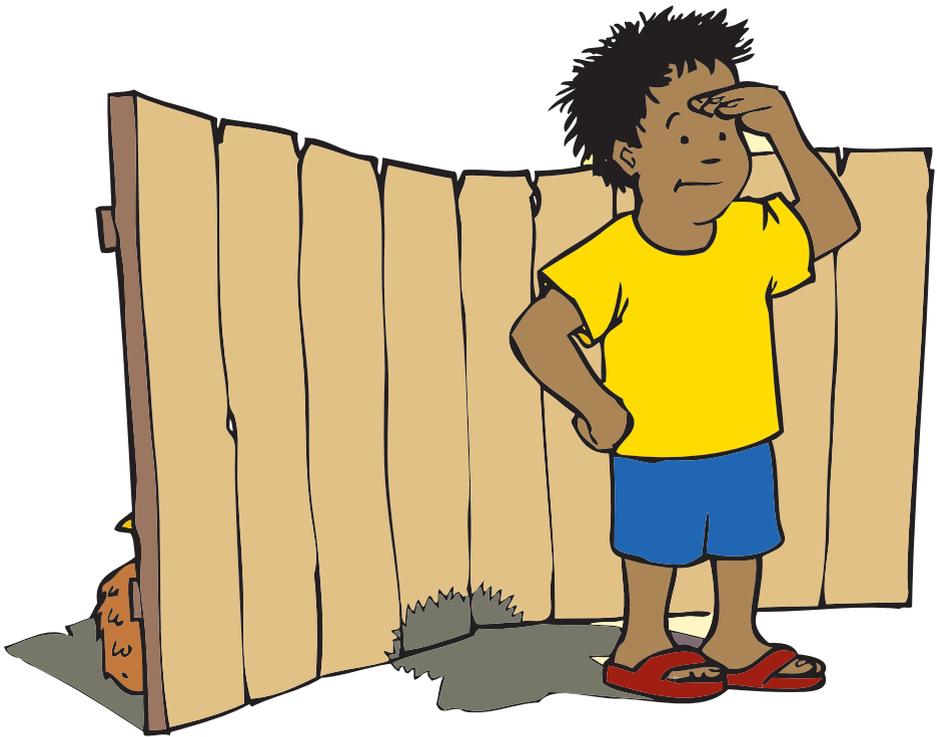


Where is chicken?



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Is chicken under the table?



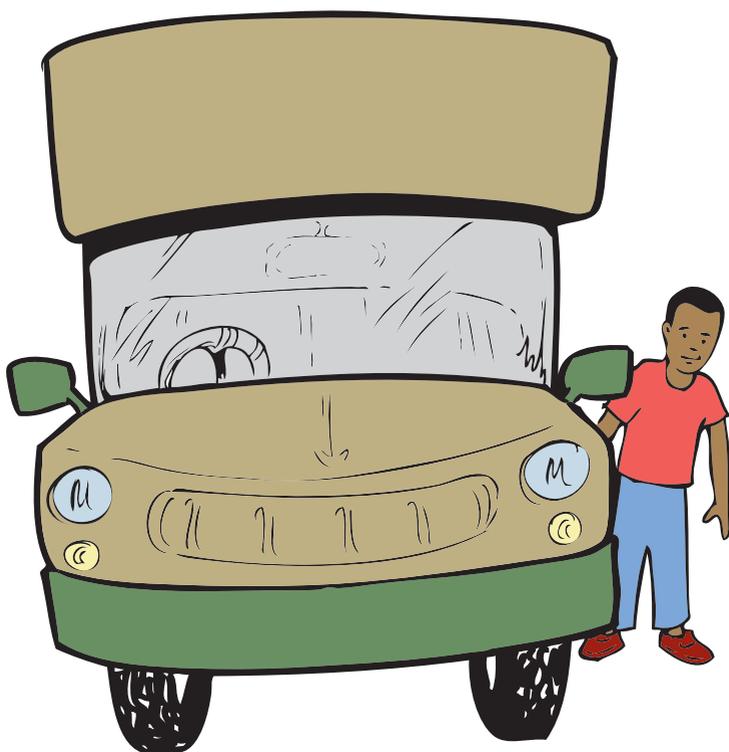
Is chicken on top of my head?



Is chicken behind the cat?



Is chicken in front of the van?



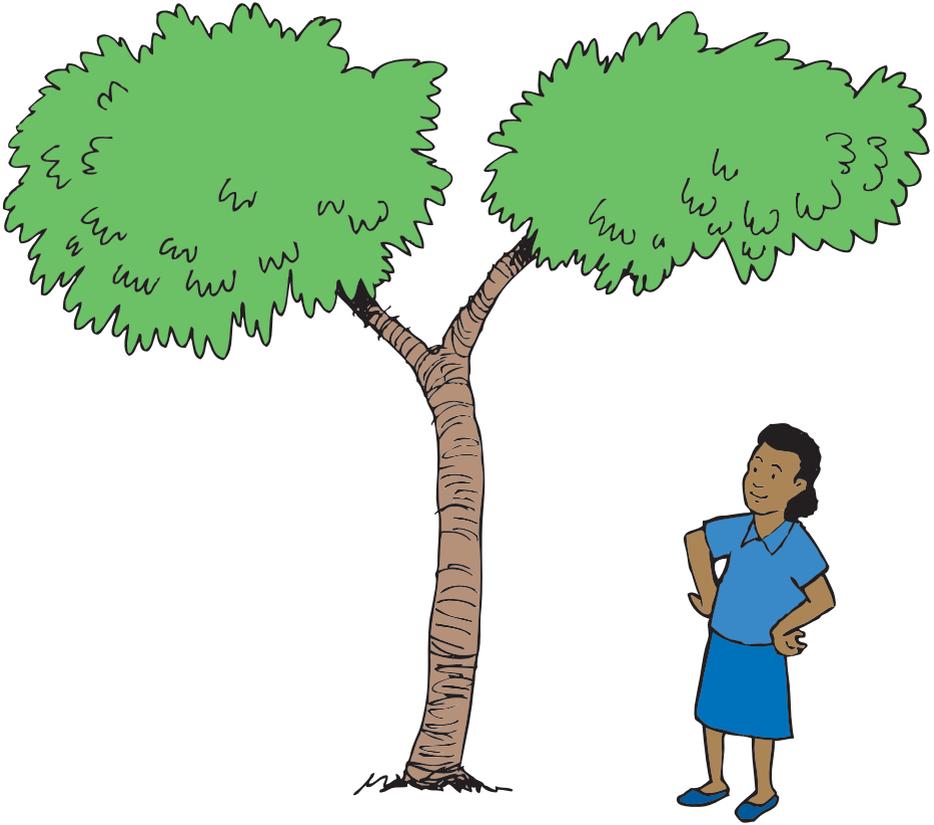
Is chicken inside the pot?



Is chicken outside the window?



Is chicken up the tree?



Is chicken down the well?



Is chicken next to grandma?



Is chicken between mummy and auntie?



No. Chicken is not in any of these places.



We've looked in all of them.

Where is chicken?



Here is chicken.

He is in the yard having a dustbath!

Questions to ask and things to do together

1. Peek-a-boo chicken

(for six months to one year old)

**Show the small child a picture of the chicken,
from the cover of this book**

(or copy it and make a cut out picture of chicken).

Hide the chicken picture under the chair.

And then show it, saying, “Here is chicken!”

**Hide the chicken picture behind grandma
and show it. “Here’s chicken!”**

And so on...

2. Hide the chicken

(for two and three year olds)

Make a picture of chicken and hide it.

When the children find the chicken ask them:

“What was chicken...

- under?
- on top of?
- behind?
- in front of?
- next to?
- inside?
- outside?”

3. Sami says (for three year olds)

Play the game using the “Where is Chicken” words.

One child says what to do. That child pretends to be Sami and tells the other children,

“You must always do what Sami says.”

If:

**“Sami says, ‘Stand in front of the table.’ ”
all the children do it.**

But if:

**“Maya says, ‘Stand in front of the table.’ ”
all the children stand still**

And so on...

4. Walking outside (for one to three year olds.)

Let us see what is...

- **Under the tree?**
- **On top of the roof?**
- **Behind the house?**
- **In front of the door?**
- **Down the hole?**
- **Up in the sky?**
- **Next to the road?**
- **Between the posts?**



First stage

These books were originally developed by a group from the Child-to-Child Trust and UNICEF for beginner readers in primary school to read and show their younger siblings to help prepare them for school.

Read and show them to one to four year olds, play the games. They will help them understand ideas and new words, pretend and have fun.

One of Children for Health's 10 messages on Caring for Babies is 'Help prepare young children for learning at school by playing number and word games with them, painting and drawing. Tell them stories, sing songs and dance.'



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