Peg’s Ducks

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Red Words (Sight):

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Practice reading these sentences.

The kids saw a nest with eggs.
Meg set Peg on the nest.
The eggs cracked.
One morning, a little girl called Meg slept very late.

Meg was in bed.
“Get up, Meg,” said Mom.
Meg got Peg.
Peg was Meg’s toy duck.
Meg stretched and yawned.

Meg patted Peg.
She loved Peg, the toy duck.
“Meg!” said Mom. “It is time for eggs. But NOT with Peg.”
Meg’s mother thought she should stop taking Peg everywhere she went. But Meg did not listen.

Meg DID get Peg.
Meg fed an egg to Peg.
It was a mess!
Mom’s mom was mad.

Mom said, “Get rid of the mess, or get rid of the duck.”
Meg got rid of the mess!
Meg begged Mom,
“May Peg and I play at the pond?”
“You may play with Ben,” said Mom.
“But NOT with Peg!”
Meg’s mother thought she could go to the pond with her older brother, Ben, but not with Peg.

Meg begged Mom.
She begged and begged.
Mom said, “O.K., O.K.”
Ben took his little sister and Peg to the pond.

At the pond, Ben said, “See the nest! Ten eggs are in the nest.” Meg said, “I can see the nest. A mom is not on the nest.”
Meg was worried that the eggs would get cold, and then they would not hatch. What do you think she did?

Meg set Peg on the nest.
She said, “Peg can be the mom.”
Meg thought her toy duck could keep the eggs warm until the mother duck returned. Do you think this was a good plan?

A duck swam up.
It was the mom!
It saw Peg on the nest.
The duck was mad!
It pecked Peg.
The duck pecked, and pecked, and pecked.
The mother duck pecked at Peg to get her out of the nest. But while she pecked, something was happening to the eggs.

“See, Ben!” said Meg.
“See, the eggs are cracking!”
Meg was happy that Peg was such a good duck sitter!

Meg saw a lot of ducks!
The duck was happy.
It saw Peg was not bad.
And the ducks loved Peg.

Meg was happy that Peg was such a good duck sitter!
1. Meg and Ben saw eggs in a _______.

2. Did Peg sit on the eggs in the nest?
   yes  no

3. Did the duck get mad at Peg?
   yes  no
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