1. Match the speech bubbles to the pictures.

1. [Image of duckling with speech bubble: "You're too ugly to eat!"]
2. [Image of hen with speech bubble: "Hop away! It's the ugly duckling!"]
3. [Image of turkey with speech bubble: "Gobble! Gobble!"
4. [Image of frog with speech bubble: "Oh dear!"

2. Put the sentences in story order, numbering them from 1 to 4.

A. The last duckling was very large and very ugly. ....3....
B. One shell after another burst open. ....2....
C. Mother Duck took her ducklings down to the pond. ....4....
D. All spring, the mother duck sat on her eggs. ....1....

3. What did each animal do when it saw the Ugly Duckling? Match each animal to its reaction.

A. The geese — gobbled at it.
B. The hens — laughed at it.
C. The turkey — showed its sharp teeth.
D. The dog — pecked at it.
E. The cat — hopped away.
D. The frog — stroked him with their beaks.
G. The swans — swiped at it with its paw.

4. Write the correct past tense form of the verbs to complete the sentences.

A. The Ugly Duckling almost .............. in the ice. (freeze)
B. But when spring .............. , the Ugly Duckling .............. still alive. (come, be)
C. He .............. in the reeds and .............. to the birds sing. (lie, listen)

5. What did the Ugly Duckling see in the end when he bent his head to the water?


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