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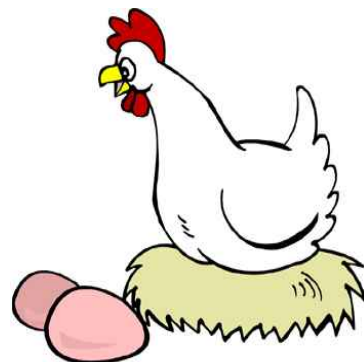
Aunt Lee's Chicken Eggs

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Some people have cats or dogs as pets. Aunt Lee is not like those people. Her two pets are chickens. Both are girl birds, or hens. One is named Lulu and the other is Molly.

Cindy came to visit Aunt Lee to help with her pets.

"It is time to collect eggs," said Aunt Lee. She handed her niece a basket.



Molly and Lulu were looking for bugs in the backyard when Cindy went to the chicken house. There was one egg in the nest. Cindy took it and put it in her basket.

As she walked toward the house, Cindy saw something white under a bush. It was another egg. She picked it up and put it in her basket, too.

"Two eggs, Aunt Lee," said Cindy. "I found one in a nest and the other one under a bush."

"Oh my," said Aunt Lee. "I hope the one from under the bush is good. If it was there for a long time, maybe it is old. It could make us sick. Which egg was under the bush?"

Cindy looked into the basket. The eggs looked the same. "I don't know," she said.

"Don't worry," said Aunt Lee. "I have a trick to figure out if an egg is good or not." She ran water into a bucket. "Gently put both eggs into the water, Cindy. A good egg will sink to the bottom. A bad egg will float."

Cindy put the eggs in the water. Both eggs went to the bottom.

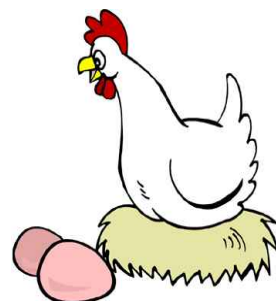
"Yay!" said Aunt Lee. "Both eggs are good. We will use them to bake a cake."

Cindy smiled.

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b. niece

c. friend

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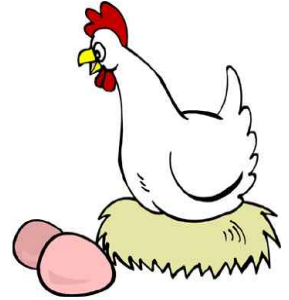
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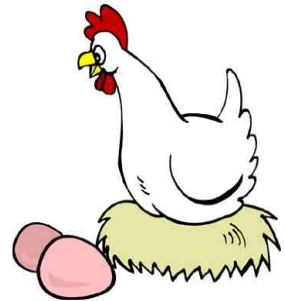
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ANSWER KEY

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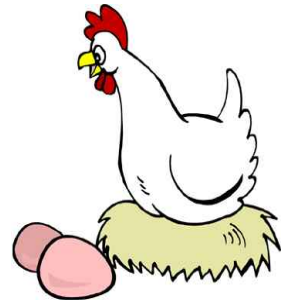
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She put them in a bucket of water. Bad eggs float. Fresh eggs sink.

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