

## Three baby ducks hatch from supermarket eggs

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A woman received a big surprise after she bought some duck eggs from a supermarket. Three of the eggs hatched. The woman now has three baby ducks, or ducklings. The woman named the ducklings Beep, Peep and Meep. Charli Lello, 29,

bought the eggs from the Waitrose supermarket last month. She was spending all day at home because she was furloughed from her job as an assistant manager in a shop. She decided to use her free time to do things around the house. Ms Lello told reporters that she got the idea for incubating the eggs after seeing a video on Facebook. The video showed how someone hatched quail eggs after buying them from a supermarket.

Lello said the ducklings would live, "a very happy life". She said they would be good company for her pet chickens. She explained why she tried her experiment. She said: "While I was in Waitrose, I saw the duck eggs and thought maybe they would [hatch]. I was so excited for them to hatch, but I still had in the back of my mind that these are supermarket eggs." She said she was surprised when the eggs hatched. She said: "They have been collected, bashed around on a delivery truck, then rattled around on a trolley onto a shelf." She added that it had been an "amazing" experience. She called her ducklings "the cutest little balls of fluff". A duck farm said it is very unusual for ducklings to hatch from supermarket eggs.

Sources: [bbc.com](http://bbc.com) / [metro.co.uk](http://metro.co.uk) / [thesun.co.uk](http://thesun.co.uk)

### Writing

Everyone should keep chickens and ducks for their eggs. Discuss.

### Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

surprise / duck / egg / supermarket / last month / furloughed / free time / reporters / happy / chickens / experiment / excited / delivery truck / trolley / fluff / farm / cute

### True / False

- a) A woman was sad when she bought duck eggs from a supermarket. T / F
- b) The woman named her ducklings Meep, Peep and Beep. T / F
- c) The woman is raising the ducklings despite working nine to five. T / F
- d) The woman got the idea for incubating eggs from a YouTube video. T / F
- e) The new ducklings will be friends for the woman's pet chickens. T / F
- f) The woman knew the supermarket eggs would hatch. T / F
- g) The woman said the eggs had been bashed around on a delivery truck. T / F
- h) A farm said it was common for supermarket eggs to hatch. T / F

### Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. <b>received</b>   | a. friendship  |
| 2. <b>named</b>      | b. laid off    |
| 3. <b>bought</b>     | c. fuzz        |
| 4. <b>furloughed</b> | d. called      |
| 5. <b>reporters</b>  | e. thrilled    |
| 6. <b>company</b>    | f. journalists |
| 7. <b>excited</b>    | g. got         |
| 8. <b>trolley</b>    | h. uncommon    |
| 9. <b>fluff</b>      | i. cart        |
| 10. <b>unusual</b>   | j. purchased   |

### Discussion – Student A

- a) What is the biggest surprise you had?
- b) What do you think of ducks?
- c) Would you prefer to eat duck eggs or chicken eggs?
- d) What do you think of the names of the ducklings?
- e) What would you do if you had lots of free time?
- f) What do you know about ducks?
- g) Would you like to keep ducklings?
- h) What three adjectives best describe this story and why?

## Phrase Match

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|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. A woman received                   | a. of fluff                |
| 2. Three of the eggs                  | b. an assistant manager    |
| 3. She was spending all               | c. of my mind              |
| 4. she was furloughed from her job as | d. hatched                 |
| 5. she got the idea                   | e. be good company         |
| 6. She said they would                | f. a big surprise          |
| 7. She explained why she              | g. on a delivery truck     |
| 8. in the back                        | h. day at home             |
| 9. bashed around                      | i. tried her experiment    |
| 10. the cutest little balls           | j. for incubating the eggs |

## Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- What do you think the best pets are?
- Would you like to incubate some duck eggs?
- How surprised are you that the ducklings hatched?
- How cute do you think ducklings are?
- What amazing experiences have you had in your life?
- What do you think of eggs?
- What questions would you like to ask the lady with the ducklings?

## Spelling

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- it is very nualsuu

### Answers – Synonym Match

1. g	2. d	3. j	4. b	5. f
6. a	7. e	8. i	9. c	10. h

## Role Play

### Role A – Duckling

You think a duckling is the best pet. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their animals. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): goldfish, horse or tarantula.

### Role B – Goldfish

You think a goldfish is the best pet. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their animals. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): duckling, horse or tarantula.

### Role C – Horse

You think a horse is the best pet. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their animals. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): goldfish, duckling or tarantula.

### Role D – Tarantula

You think a tarantula is the best pet. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their animals. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): goldfish, horse or duckling.

## Speaking – Pets

Rank these with your partner. Put the best pets at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • ducklings | • tortoise |
| • goldfish  | • beetle   |
| • lizard    | • horse    |
| • tarantula | • rabbit   |

### Answers – True False

a	F	b	T	c	F	d	F	e	T	f	F	g	T	h	F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.