Handa’s Hen

These language activities are short but they involve thinking and talking.

- “Hen” ends with the letter “n”. Can you think of other things that end with the letter “n”?
- On many pages, insects can be found in the illustrations. Some are easy to see and some are hidden. Ask your children to find and name the insects.
- In the book, Handa can not find Mondi. Talk with your child about a time when you lost something. Suggest the steps you take to find lost things. (Example: “Think of where you last had it.”)
- Handa often asks, “Where is Mondi?” after finding new animals. Encourage your child to ask this question while you read the story.

Math Hint for Handa’s Hen

- Go on a number walk. Look around outside and count the things you see. (Example: cars, trees or people.)
How Many?

How many animals live at my house?
How many you ask?
10 leopards that eat quite a bit.
 9 zebras who throw quite a fit!
 8 mongooses eat all of the mice.
 7 camels who are really quite nice.
 6 okapi who look mixed up,
 5 emu who drink from a cup.
 4 pandas think the stairs are bamboo.
 3 whales are learning to do kung fu.
 2 lemurs eating a shoe lace.
Oh my goodness! What a place!

I almost forgot the most silly of all:
 1 baby brother who ate a beach ball!
A Handmade Hen

In your pack, you have four foam hearts and a sheet named, “Hen Craft”.

Cut out the body. Cut out the wings.

Glue the wings to the sides of the body.

Cut one heart in half. The two pieces will be the hen’s feet.

Glue one heart to the top of the hen’s head.
Glue one heart upside-down in the middle of the body.

Glue the last heart right-side-up above the upside-down heart. The bottom points should overlap a little bit. The top heart will be the beak.

Draw eyes above the beak.
You have made your very own hen.
Hen Craft

Body

Wings

Finished Hen

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More or Less

Colour the group that has more.
Happy or Sad

Draw an X on the animal that is sad.
Colour the animal that is happy.
Counting Animals

Using the words to help you, count the objects and fill in the blanks.

one two three four five

There are  __  __  __  __  frogs.

There are  __  __  __  __  lizards.

There are  __  __  __  __  __  butterflies.

There are  __  __  __  snakes.

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Activities for Younger Children
Ordinal Numbers

Colour the first butterfly green. Colour the third butterfly blue.

Colour the second lizard red. Draw a circle around the third lizard.

Colour the fifth cricket yellow. Underline the fourth cricket.

Colour the second snake orange. Colour the first snake purple.
In the Hen House

Solve each addition problem.

Colour all of the spaces that have an even numbered answer.

This will help the hen find her way to the hen house.

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The Number Box

First: Write numbers on each square of the box.
Second: Colour each side of the box a different colour.
Third: Fold on the lines. Put glue on the tabs. Fold into a box.