

PREDICTION

ABRA-ePEARL Link – Comprehension

TIME

35 minutes + 40 minutes (drawing, scanning, attaching files).

MATERIALS

Computer, an ABRACADABRA story, ePEARL level 1, and (optional) scanner.

OBJECTIVE

Learners will write a hypothesis about what is going to happen in the text using the author's clues.

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- **ABRA:** The Little Red Hen.
- **ePEARL:** My Creations: ABRA writing activity.

Procedures

- 1) In ABRA's adventure room, click on *Understanding the Story* and select *Prediction*. Choose the genre and the text type you want to work with your learners. For example, *The Little Red Hen*.
- 2) As you read, discuss story events. For example, at the end of the story *The Little Red Hen* work with learners predicting: What do you think Little Red Hen would say?
- 3) Do not finish the story during the first readthrough. Instead, ask learners to consider how they think the story will end.
- 4) In ePEARL, have learners select *My Creations*. Go to *New ABRA Creation* and then choose the ABRA story *The Little Red Hen*.
- 5) Ask learners to write a short sentence predicting the end of the story **OR** ask learners to draw their predictions and attach their scanned drawings to ePEARL creations.
- 6) As a class, discuss the different story endings they created.
- 7) Go back to the ABRA story and read the end of the story to check their predictions.
- 8) Learners can also record their story endings. Click on *My Readings*, open a *New ABRA Reading* and select the ABRA story used before. Show how to use the record button by clicking on the microphone and then the record button. Record a sentence, save it and then open the "bird" icon to hear it. Then, have learners work on their portfolios recording their story endings.

Tip

If some learners have a hard time typing on the computer, assist by starting to write what they want to accomplish and let them write some words until they feel comfortable with the keyword.