



Baby Animals in Spring

After the cold winter there are flowers in the gardens, blossoms¹ on the trees and new animals in the fields². Animals have babies in the spring because there is lots of food and the weather is not very cold.

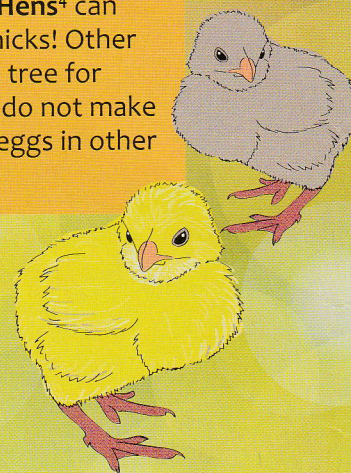
Lambs*

A baby sheep is called a lamb. You can see them playing in the fields. In English we call this playing "gambolling" (= skotačení).



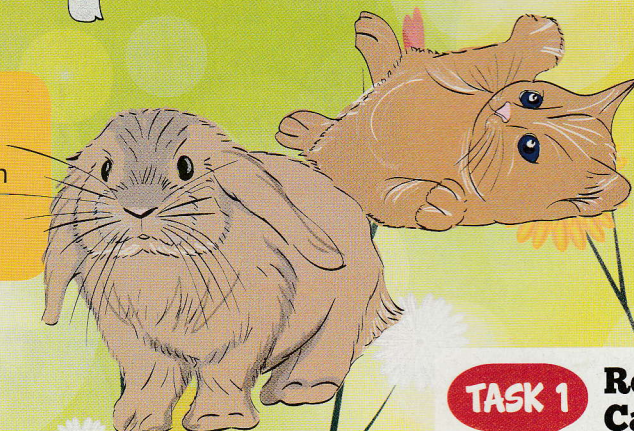
Chicks³

A chick is a baby bird. Hens⁴ can have more than ten chicks! Other birds make a nest⁵ in a tree for their chicks. Cuckoos⁶ do not make a nest. They put their eggs in other birds' nests.



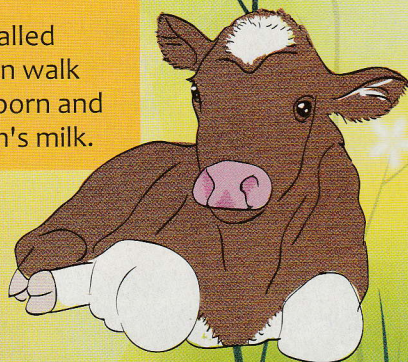
Kittens

A baby rabbit is called a kitten or sometimes a bunny. Baby cats are also called kittens.



Calves*

A baby cow is called a calf. Calves can walk when they are born and drink their mum's milk.



TASK 1

Read the text. Can you match the animal with its baby?

cow	kitten
rabbit	chick
sheep	calf
hen	kitten
cat	lamb

VOCABULARY

1. blossom ['blɒs(ə)m] květ
2. field [fi:ld] pole
3. chick [tʃɪk] ptáče, kuřátko, mn.č. – chicks
x chicken ['tʃɪkɪn] kuře, slepice, mn.č. – chickens
4. hen [hen] slepice
5. nest [nest] hnízdo
6. cuckoo ['kʊku:] kukačka

*LANGUAGE POINT Silent letters (= tiché hlásky)

We do not say the 'b' in lamb [læm] or the 'l' in calf [kɑ:f].

TASK 2

Read the text. Decide if the sentences are true or false.

1. A baby cow doesn't know how to use its legs when it is born.
2. Cuckoos put their eggs in other birds' nests.
3. A baby cat is called a bunny or a kitten.
4. Baby sheep play in the fields.
5. A baby cow drinks water.