**What to do today**

*IMPORTANT! Parent or Carer – Read this page with your child and check that you are happy with what they have to do and with any weblinks or use of the Internet required.*

**1. Story time**

Go back to <https://youtu.be/ZDT8WUNMjOk>.

Listen again to the whole of *Sam’s Duck*.

* Does Sam know how to look after a duck properly?
* Do you think that Sam’s Grandad is right to say Sam should let the duck go?

**2. Reading an information text**

Read the information sheet on *Farm Ducks* *and their care.* Read it through twice and talk to a grown up about all the things you have to do.

* Do ducks sound easy or hard to look after?

**3. Writing instructions**

Imagine you have brought a duck back to live at your house. Your Grandad (who lives far away) is not sure that you *really* know what to do to look after it. Using the *letter paper*, write your Grandad a message.

* Say what sort of duck you’ve got and what its name is.
* Explain all that you will do to take good care of it.
* Tell your Grandad not to worry.
* Sign off affectionately from you and your duck!

**Now try this Fun-Time Extra**

* In the book it is Sam’s Grandad’s birthday. A duck might not be a great idea, but what else could Sam have brought back from the farm for his Grandad? List your ideas on *Gifts for Grandad.*

**Farm Ducks and their Care**

There are lots of different sorts of farm ducks in Britain, but all of them need the same sort of care if they are to be happy and healthy.

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 **Aylesbury Khaki Campbell Indian Runner Rouen Clair Muscovy**

**What a duck needs**

* Lots of water to play and splash about in. This can be a proper stream or pond, or just an old bath or paddling pool filled up with fresh water each day. Be warned – ducks make their water very dirty and usually splash most of it out of a bath or tub!
* A sturdy house or enclosure for night time to protect them from predators.
* Clean straw to sleep on and keep them warm.
* A hopper (a special feeding bucket) of pellets or corn to eat.
* Drinking water.
* Access to grass and soil so that the duck can eat insects and bugs such as slugs and snails. This might be a big field or just a normal garden but ducks can't live inside all the time.
* Company! Ducks don't like to live on their own so you should always have at least two ducks living together so they stay cheerful.

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