

Farm Animal Story Mat

Materials Needed:

Story Mat, 6 Black Counters, 6 Brown Counters, 8 Yellow Counters,

Instructions:



Pass out story mats and counters to students. Explain to students that you are going to read them a story and they are going to act out the story pretending the markers are the farm animals. Read story aloud asking students to just listen to the story. Read story again asking students to use the counters. Read the story a final time allowing students to check their work. Explain to students where their counters should have ended up or show students using a projector on the white board.

Story One:

Farmer Bill headed to town to buy more hay for his farm animals. When Farmer Bill left in his big blue truck, there were 6 brown horses between the apple tree and the barn. And there were 6 black cows in front of the fence next to the apple tree. While Farmer Bill was gone, a loud airplane flew over the farm, scaring all the animals. 4 horses ran to hide in the barn. Seeing the cows run to hide in the barn, 2 cows decided to also run and hide in the barn. How many cows did Farmer Bill see outside of the barn when he arrived back home?

Story Two:

Eight little chicks are playing on the farm. They like to run around and hide when the other animals come near them. 2 little chicks hide to the right of the barn. 3 little chicks hide to the left of the apple tree. The rest of the little chicks play between the barn and the apple tree.

How many chicks are playing between the barn and the apple tree?