

# Spike,



# The Amazing Chicken

*A Story From Out West*

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**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Online Oral Reading Fluency Program Access Code

# *Curious Reader Series: Spike, The Amazing Chicken: Includes Online Oral Reading Fluency Practice*

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# Introduction

## About Spike, The Amazing Chicken

The Story of *Spike, The Amazing Chicken* is an exciting tale for children in the age group of 7-9. This book is a part of the Lumos Curious Reader Series and is designed to help young readers enjoy the story as well and develop their critical reading skills. It includes exercises to create opportunities for young readers to identify settings, plots, characters, etc. The activities are designed to help them recognize how the author has developed the story. This tedBook also includes access to engaging and interactive online resources.

## About Curious Reader Series

One of the most enriching experiences for a child is to enjoy stories. The Curious Reader Series by Lumos Learning is designed to provide that special reading experience to help children become successful readers. This series is the perfect package to build students' interest in reading, writing, and language skills.

Each book in the series offers an engaging story that is at a specific reading-level and includes activities that improve reading fluency, reading comprehension, and writing skills. The stories included in the Curious Reader series are fiction by expert children book authors. The activities in the book are tied to tips and pointers that will help children write independently. The stories and activities inspire new ideas and imagination in kids while making reading more enjoyable.

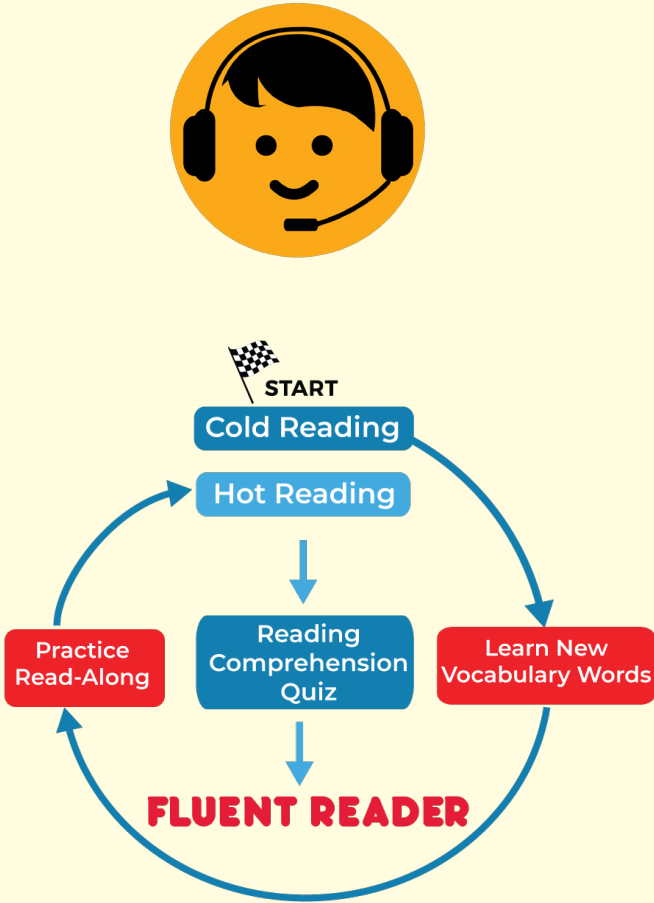
## About the Online Fluency Program

Oral reading skills are a critical component of fluency. The students who have developed oral reading fluency, have the ability to read selected passages quickly with few or no errors and show expressions while reading. Research has shown that oral reading fluency is correlated with students' cognitive understanding of the text.

**In an industry first**, an innovative online fluency improvement program will be accessible to the users of this Lumos tedBook. Parents and educators can easily unlock this access by following the steps provided in the signup section.

The Lumos fluency improvement program is an elearning solution that creates an opportunity for the students to:

1. Cold Reading: Children can Read, Record, and Listen to the story in their voice.
2. Vocabulary Practice: Lumos Flash-Cube and Quiz for Word Mastery.
3. Teacher Modeling: Read-Along with an expert storyteller while paying attention to the highlighted text.
4. Hot Reading: Children can Re-Read, Record, and Listen to the Story in their voice.
5. Interactive Quiz: Demonstrate reading comprehension by answering the questions in an Interactive Quiz.



**Access Raggedy Ann Audio Stories Online  
with  
Fun Oral Fluency Improvement Activities**

**Listen**



To the audio narration of the stories available with your storybook

**Record**



Own version of the stories and view fluency reports

**Read-along**



With an experienced storyteller to learn oral fluency

**Practice & Improve**



Vocabulary, reading comprehension, & oral fluency



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# CHAPTER *One*

**TV Host:** Good morning, kids!

Welcome to The Cowboy George Show, the show from out West that brings you stories about interesting people and animals.

I am Cowboy George, your host. [SP]\*

\*[SP]: The author recommends that, when reading to a group, you Show the Picture at this point.





**Draw the picture of horse and color it**

Notes



**TV Host:** We are visiting a ranchette. Do you know what a ranchette is? It's a small ranch — not a lot of land, but enough to raise a small number of animals — and this ranchette has horses, a pig, goats, ponies, dogs, a cat, cockatiels, a rabbit, and chickens.

Come on in, and take a look. [SP]



**Search and highlight the below words in the given table.**

COW

GOAT

HORSE

PIG

SHEEP

HEN

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