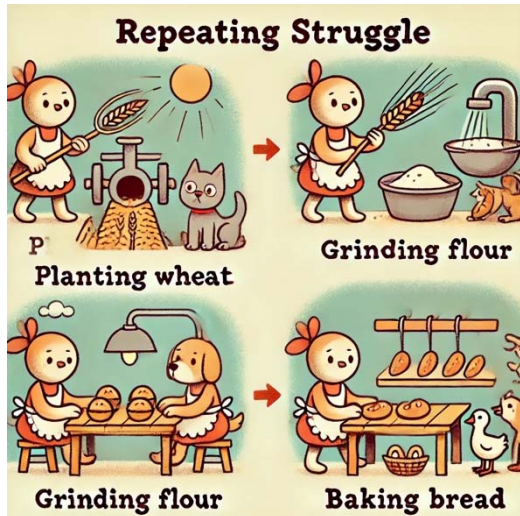


Name \_\_\_\_\_



## Repeating Struggle

The story of The Little Red Hen teaches an important lesson about hard work and responsibility. One of the most effective ways this lesson is shown is through repetition. The Hen repeatedly asks for help, and each time she gets the same response. This pattern highlights her struggle and makes the lesson clear to the reader.

One day, while pecking at the ground, the Little Red Hen found some grains of wheat.

She knew that with time and effort, she could turn them into delicious bread. But the work was too much for one hen alone. She called out to her barnyard friends. "Who will help me plant the wheat?"

"Not I," said the Dog. "Not I," said the Cat. "Not I," said the Duck.

So, the Hen planted the wheat herself. As the wheat grew tall and golden, the Hen needed help to harvest it. Again, she asked, "Who will help me cut the wheat?"

"Not I," said the Dog. "Not I," said the Cat. "Not I," said the Duck. Once more, she did the work alone.

This pattern continued throughout the story. Every time there was a new step—grinding the wheat into flour, mixing the dough, and baking the bread—the Hen asked for help, and each time, the Dog, the Cat, and the Duck refused.

The repetition of this question-and-answer pattern reinforces the Hen's struggle. It shows how difficult it is to do everything alone and how unfair it is that no one helps her. By the time she bakes the bread, the reader already expects the final moment: when the animals suddenly want to help eat the bread.

"Who will help me eat the bread?" she asks.

"I will!" shout the Dog, the Cat, and the Duck.

But this time, the Hen gives a different answer. "No, since you did not help with the work, you will not share the reward."

By repeating the same structure, the story makes the Hen's journey clear. It reminds the reader that hard work should be appreciated and that those who do not help should not expect rewards. The repetition not only strengthens the lesson but also makes the story more engaging and easy to remember.