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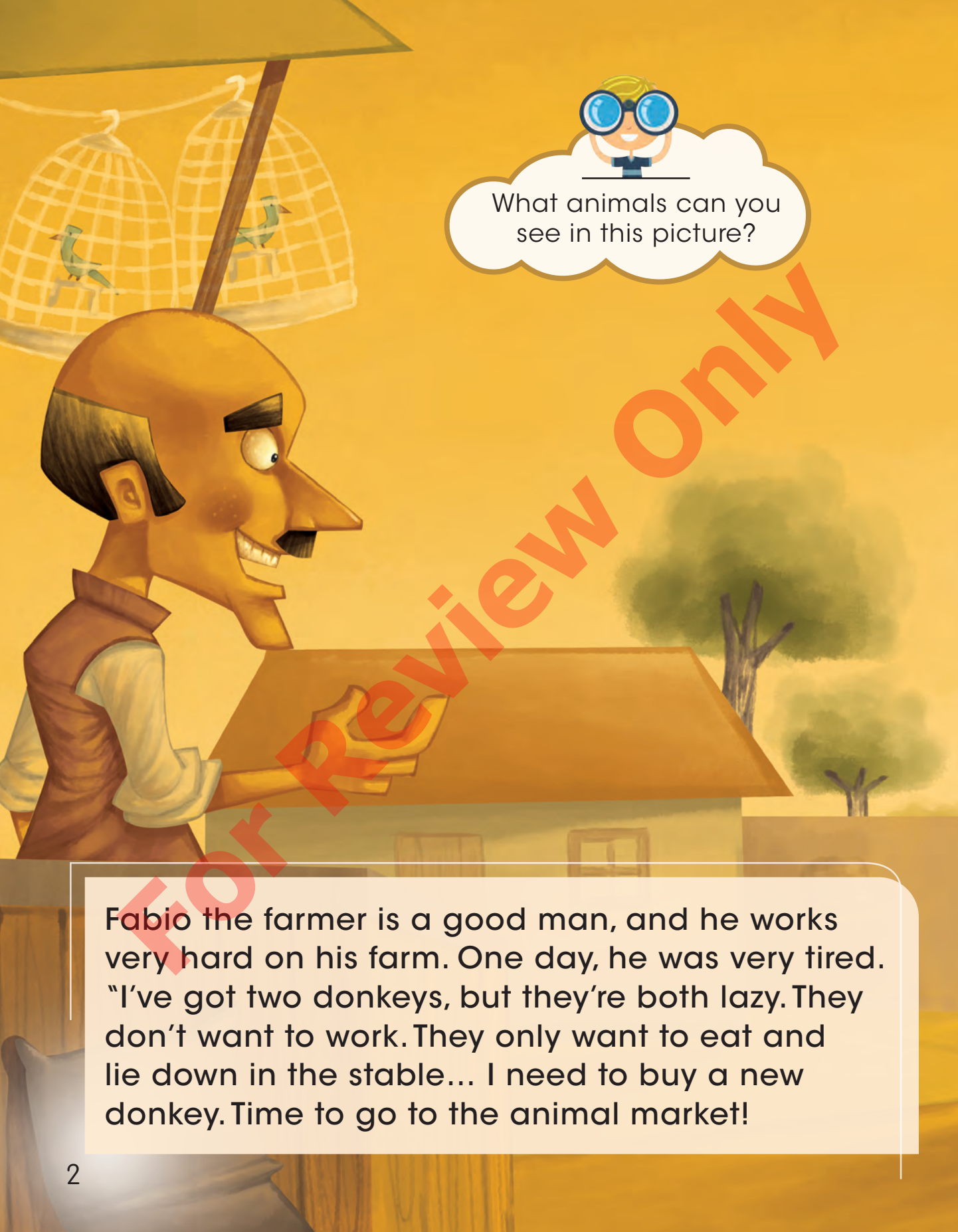


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What animals can you see in this picture?

Fabio the farmer is a good man, and he works very hard on his farm. One day, he was very tired. "I've got two donkeys, but they're both lazy. They don't want to work. They only want to eat and lie down in the stable... I need to buy a new donkey. Time to go to the animal market!"

At the animal market, Fabio looked for a healthy donkey. He asked a seller about one he liked.

"How old is this donkey?"

"This is Diego. He's three. He's a good donkey. He's very strong," said the seller.



Why did Fabio want to buy a new donkey?

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ACTIVITIES

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19  Listen and say.



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keep



choose



carefully

20  Look and write. Then, find the words in the puzzle.



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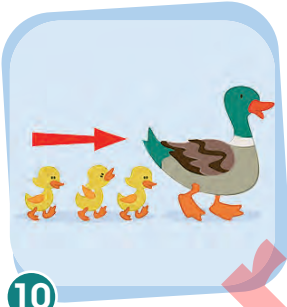
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Chickens can eat **plants** and **meat**. They eat **seeds**, fruit, vegetables and **insects**.



Goats can eat anything – even paper and **tree bark**! The best food for them is hay, grass, weeds, and a little bit of corn and **oats**.



Sheep eat **grass** and **weeds** (wild plants). When there isn't enough grass, sheep often eat **hay** or **corn**, too.

Rabbits need a lot of hay and grass, and some **leafy green plants** and fruit. They must only eat **carrots** as a treat because too many are not good for them.











Donkeys are in the same family as horses, but they mustn't eat the same things. They can eat hay, but they need more **woody plants**, like **straw**, and **shrubs** and tree bark. They can have apples, pears, bananas and carrots as a treat.



21 Which of these foods do these animals eat? Read, look and (✓).

22 Look at the table and think: which animals have similar/ different diets?

You need:

-  scissors 
-  glue 
-  a brush 
-  paint (grey and brown and two colours you like) 

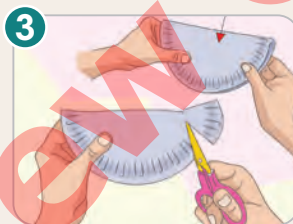
-  a black marker or a pencil 
-  a paper plate 
-  white card 
-  brown or black yarn 
-  two clothes pegs 



1 Paint the clothes pegs and one side of the paper plate grey.



2 Draw the donkey's head on the card. Then, paint it grey, too.



3 When the paint is dry, fold the paper plate in half. Cut off one corner to make room for the donkey's head.



4 Cut out the donkey's head and glue it between the two halves of the plate, on the side where the corner is cut off.



5 Cut some yarn and glue it on the head as hair, and on the other side to make a tail.



6 **OPTIONAL** To make a blanket, cut out a rectangle from the card and paint it any colour(s) you like. Then, fold it and glue it on the donkey's back.



7 Pin both sides of the folded plate together with the clothes pegs to make the donkey's legs.



Now, let your donkey stand on your desk as decoration!

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