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Aunt Lee's Chickens Take a Bath

by Susan Manzke

Some people have cats as pets. Others have dogs. Aunt Lee is not like those people. Her two pets are chickens. Both are girl birds, or hens. One is named Lulu and the other is Molly.



Earlier today, Aunt Lee called Cindy to watch her chickens take a bath.

“Are they in your bathtub?” asked Cindy.

“No, my chickens do not use my bathtub.” Aunt Lee laughed. “They are outside chickens.”

“Do you take soap and water and scrub them under their wings and wash between their toes?” asked Cindy.

“I let them take their own baths,” said Aunt Lee. “Come and watch.”

Cindy went to see Lulu and Molly taking their baths. When she walked into Aunt Lee’s backyard, the two hens were flapping on the ground. Dirt flew into the air around them.

“Those chickens are sure dirty,” said Cindy. “When will they start taking their baths?”

“That’s what they are doing,” said Aunt Lee. “Lulu and Molly are taking dust baths. It cleans tiny bugs off their feathers and it makes them feel good. Want to join them?”

Cindy smiled. “No, but I’ll watch.”

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2. What are the names of Aunt Lee's two chickens?

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3. Explain how Aunt Lee's chickens take a bath?

4. How is a dust bath helpful to chickens?

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- d. It cleans their beaks.

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ANSWER KEY

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5. How was Aunt Lee trying to be funny at the end of the story?

Aunt Lee asks Cindy if she wants to join the chickens in the dust bath.