**Pre-K ELLA**
**Topic 8: Fact Sheet 3 – Listening Activities**
**Activity 5 – The Sound Story**

**Directions for graphics:** Print the graphics in color on card stock and place on craft sticks. Distribute to children (or participants). As the Sound Story is read, ask them to stand in front of the group and hold up their animal every time they hear their animal’s name.

**Directions for the Sound Story:** This story contains sound words. Instruct the children (or participants) that every time they hear the sound word *cow*, they should “moo” like a cow; when they hear the sound word *duck*, “quack” like a duck; when they hear the sound word *pig*, “oink” like a pig and when they hear the sound word *rooster*, “cock a doodle doo” like a rooster. Tell the children the following story. A variation of this would be to give the children puppets and have them hold the puppets up when they hear the sound words.

**The Sound Story**

Once upon a time there was a very lonely **cow** named Gracie. Gracie the **cow** was the only animal on the farm, and she was so lonely. In fact, Gracie the **cow** was so lonely, when the farmer tried to milk her all he got was tears in his pail—no milk! Imagine that!

The farmer decided to get Gracie the **cow** some friends. He went to a **duck** pond and found Jake the **duck**. When Gracie the **cow** met Jake the **duck**, she was happy. When the farmer milked Gracie the **cow**, he got a little milk! The farmer thought, “If I get Gracie the **cow** another friend, maybe she will give me even more milk."

The farmer went to a **pig** pen and found Tucker the **pig** and brought him home. When Gracie the **cow** met Tucker the **pig**, she was so happy! When the farmer milked Gracie the **cow**, he got even more milk in his pail. The farmer thought, “If I get Gracie the **cow** another friend, maybe she will give me even more milk."

The farmer went to a farm and found Tuffy the **rooster** and brought him home. When Gracie the **cow** met Tuffy the **rooster**, she was very happy! When the farmer milked Gracie the **cow**, he got so much milk it spilled over his pail! Imagine that!

Gracie the **cow** now has three friends, Jake the **duck**, Tucker the **pig** and Tuffy the **rooster**. Should the farmer get Gracie the **cow** anymore friends?