**Reader’s Theater**

**The Little Blue Hen: A Conservation Story**

**PREVIEW:** A Hen tries to get her housemates, a duck, a cat and a dog, to help save water.

**GENRE:** humor, poetry

**CULTURE:** American

**THEME:** conservation

**LENGTH:** 8 minutes

**READERS:** 20

**READER AGES:** 7–10

**ROLES:** Narrators, Little Blue Hen, Duck, Cat, Dog, Water Inspector

**VOCABULARY AS THEY APPEAR IN THE STORY...**

**Timer:** a device for measuring elapsed time

**Water bill:** notice of payment due for amount of water used

**Deplore:** to strongly disapprove

**Low-flow shower head:** shower head that flows at a rate of 2.0 gallons/minute or less (industry standard is 2.5 gallons/minute)

**Faucet:** A device for regulating the flow of water

**Aerator:** a device to slow the flow of faucets to 1.5 gallons/minute in bathrooms and 2.2 gallons/minute in the kitchen

**Screw:** to attach by twisting into place

**Shirk:** to avoid or neglect

**Water district:** government organization to manage water supply in the county

**WaterWise House Call:** visit by water district personnel to check for leaks, replace old showerheads and flappers in leaking toilets, install aerators on all faucets and check sprinklers for flow and leaks

**Inspector:** an official who checks that things meet certain regulations and standards

**Award:** prize for something done, completed or accomplished

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**Narrator 7:** said the Duck.

**Cat:** “Not I,”

**Narrator 8:** said the Cat.

**Dog:** “Not I,”

**Narrator 9:** said the Dog.

**Little Blue Hen:** “Then I will,”

**Narrator 10:** said the Little Blue Hen, and she reached for the phone.

**Narrator 11:** She called the water district; someone came to her home.

**Narrator 12:** The water inspector was proud of what she’d done.

**Narrator 13:** He said,

**Water Inspector:** “Who will accept this award; is there someone?”

**Duck:** “Oh! I will,”

**Narrator 7:** said the Duck.

**Cat:** “I will,”

**Narrator 8:** said the Cat.

**Dog:** “I will,”

**Narrator 9:** said the Dog.

**Little Blue Hen:** “No, No!”

**Narrator 5:** said the Little Blue Hen.

**Little Blue Hen:** “I will do that.”

**Narrator 6:** And she did.

**All:** The little Blue Hen shows us the way to save water every day.

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Water Conservation Award
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**Narrator 1**: The Little Blue Hen was watching TV.
**Narrator 2**: She saw an ad that was meant for you and me.
**Narrator 3**: It said,
**Narrator 4**: “Saving water is a must.”
**Narrator 5**: “Use a timer in the shower that you can trust!”
**Narrator 6**: The Little Blue Hen said,
**Little Blue Hen**: “Who will put this timer in our shower? We can’t waste water another hour!”

**Duck**: “Not I,”
**Narrator 7**: said the Duck.
**Cat**: “Not I,”
**Narrator 8**: said the Cat.
**Dog**: “Not I,”
**Narrator 9**: said the Dog.
**Narrator 10**: But the Little Blue Hen said,
**Little Blue Hen**: “Yes, I will.”
**Narrator 11**: She put the timer in the shower and cut their water bill!
**Narrator 12**: Still the Little Blue Hen felt she could save more
**Narrator 13**: because wasting water, she did deplore!
**Little Blue Hen**: “Who will install this low-flow shower head? Can someone do it before we go to bed?”

**Duck**: “Not I,”
**Narrator 7**: said the Duck.
**Cat**: “Not I,”
**Narrator 8**: said the Cat.
**Dog**: “Not I,”
**Narrator 9**: said the Dog.
**Little Blue Hen**: “Then I will do it,”

**Narrator 14**: said the Little Blue Hen.
**Little Blue Hen**: “I can do it before you count to ten!”
**Narrator 15**: Then the Little Blue Hen said,
**Little Blue Hen**: “The flow from our faucets is too much; it isn’t right. Who will put on aerators and screw them on tight?”

**Duck**: “Not I,”
**Narrator 7**: said the Duck.
**Cat**: “Not I,”
**Narrator 8**: said the Cat.
**Dog**: “Not I,”
**Narrator 9**: said the Dog.
**Narrator 10**: The Little Blue Hen said,
**Little Blue Hen**: “I will do the work; saving water’s one job I will not shirk!”
**Narrator 14**: The Little Blue Hen knew she wasn’t done.
**Narrator 15**: Besides saving water can be fun!
**Narrator 1**: The Little Blue Hen said,
**Little Blue Hen**: “Who will help? There is more to do. Who will fix the toilet? Will it be one of you?”

**Duck**: “Not I,”
**Narrator 7**: said the Duck.
**Cat**: “Not I,”
**Narrator 8**: said the Cat.
**Dog**: “Not I,”
**Narrator 9**: said the Dog.
**Narrator 2**: The little Blue Hen stopped the leak.
**Narrator 3**: She was saving lots of water every day of the week.
**Little Blue Hen**: “Will someone call the water district?”
**Narrator 4**: She wanted to know. A WaterWise House call was her goal.

**Duck**: “Not I,”