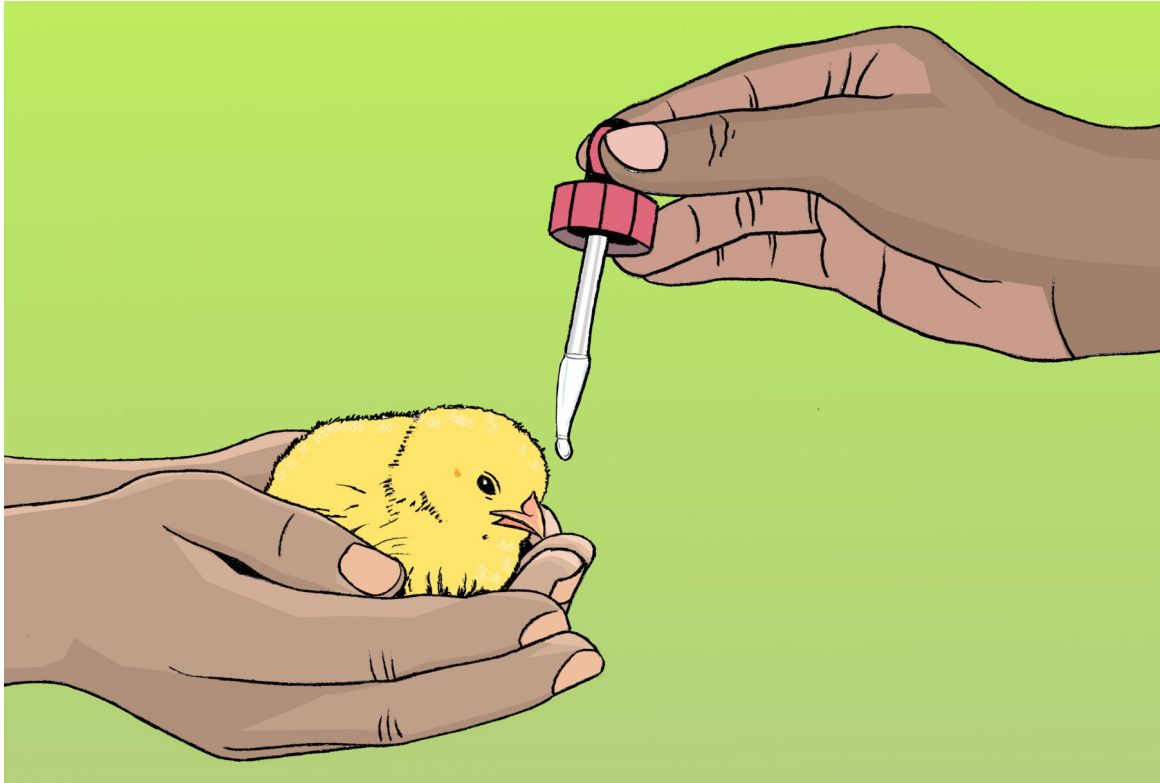


4. Medicine for chicks

Look at the picture. Guess what happens in the story.



Read story and answer the questions.

One afternoon, Mbuso and Talent were walking home from school as usual.

“Do you want to come and see my home?” asked Mbuso.

“OK!” said Talent. He had never been to Mbuso’s home before.

When they arrived at Mbuso’s home, Mbuso’s father was waiting for him.

“We’ve got to give some medicine to the chicks,” he said to the boys.

“Normally Mbuso helps me to do it,” he said to Talent, “But today you can help too, if you like. It’s very important to do it, because keeping chickens is one of the ways that we earn money. Do you want to help?”

“Of course,” said Talent. “It will be interesting.”

A few minutes later, Mbuso’s father was sitting next to a big cardboard box with some chicks in it. He picked up a chick and held it. Mbuso showed Talent a small plastic tube.

“This is a dropper,” he explained. Then he showed Talent how to take some medicine from a bottle into the dropper, and put it into the chick’s eye.

“You see, it’s quite easy,” said Mbuso. “Do you want to try?”

Mbuso's father picked up another chick from the box and held it. He told Talent to put a drop of medicine into the chick's eye.

Talent felt nervous. He was afraid of hurting the chick. Slowly and carefully, he put one drop of medicine into the chick's eye.

"Is that how you do it?" he asked.

"Yes, that's very good," said Talent's father. "Now you've got another 48 to do!"

Talent felt very pleased.

Who does each thing? Talent, Mbuso or Mbuso's father?

1. He invited a friend to visit his home.
a) Talent b) Mbuso c) Mbuso's father
2. He normally helps an adult to give medicine to the chicks.
a) Talent b) Mbuso c) Mbuso's father
3. He was shown how to use the dropper.
a) Talent b) Mbuso c) Mbuso's father
4. He took some medicine into the dropper the first time.
a) Talent b) Mbuso c) Mbuso's father
5. He held the chicks.
a) Talent b) Mbuso c) Mbuso's father
6. _____ put medicine into the second chick's eye.
a) Talent b) Mbuso c) Mbuso's father

Answer these questions about the story.

1. How did Talent feel while he gave medicine to the chicks?
2. Why did he feel that way?
3. How would you feel if you were in Talent's situation?
4. How do you feel when you do something which is new and difficult?
5. How do you feel after you have done it?

