



Duck was a neutral party, so he brought the ultimatum to the cows.



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Pre-teach critical vocabulary in 4 steps

Provide a simple explanation.

1

An ultimatum is something that lists demands of what someone wants. If they don't get what they want, they will fight back.

Tie the word's meaning to a kid-friendly example.

2

Your mom gives you an ultimatum when she tells you to clean your room or you will be grounded.

Connect the word's meaning to the text.

3

In the text we will read today, the farmer gives an ultimatum to the cows and hens to give him milk and eggs.

Assess students' general understanding.

4

Before we begin reading *Click, Clack, Moo*, please turn to your partner and explain what ultimatum means.