

Worksheet 2

The Ugly Duckling

What does it mean?

The Ugly Duckling is a fine example of a story with a moral - a tale that entertains, but also tells you how to live your life.

Think about all the stories that have a lesson or a 'moral'. For example:

The Hare and the Tortoise - Moral: Slow and sure wins the race (or patience and concentration pay off).

Little Red Riding Hood - Moral: Do what your parents tell you, or you may be in great danger.

The Fisherman and his Wife - Moral: Don't be greedy. Your greed can be your undoing.

Here are suggested 'moral' statements for *The Ugly Duckling*. Which do you think explains the story best? Write a sentence or two to explain the moral you have chosen.

- We can emerge from even the most difficult situations and find happiness.
- We need to develop strength and self belief in dealing with hard times.
- Others may not see the good in you, but your true friends will.
- We should not be prejudiced against those who seem different.

