



The Bantam and the Soldier

1. Where is this story set?
2. What is a Bantam?
3. Explain what the story means by the 'Bantam had grown used to the sounds of war'.
4. What does fossicked mean?
5. Why did the Bantam move out of the barn?
6. Why could the Bantam not get out of the hedge?
7. Why do you think Arthur decided to rescue the Bantam?
8. What were the other soldiers' attitude towards the Bantam in the beginning?
9. What were the other soldiers' attitude towards the Bantam by the end of the story?
10. Why do you think the soldiers' attitude towards the Bantam changed?
11. Research online about Bantam chickens in order to design a new area of the barn for Bertha.
 - What does she eat?
 - How much space does she need?
 - Will she get lonely by herself?
 - You could draw the new area of the barn.