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Ask your teacher
to show you a video
about turkeys.

Let's Talk Turkey

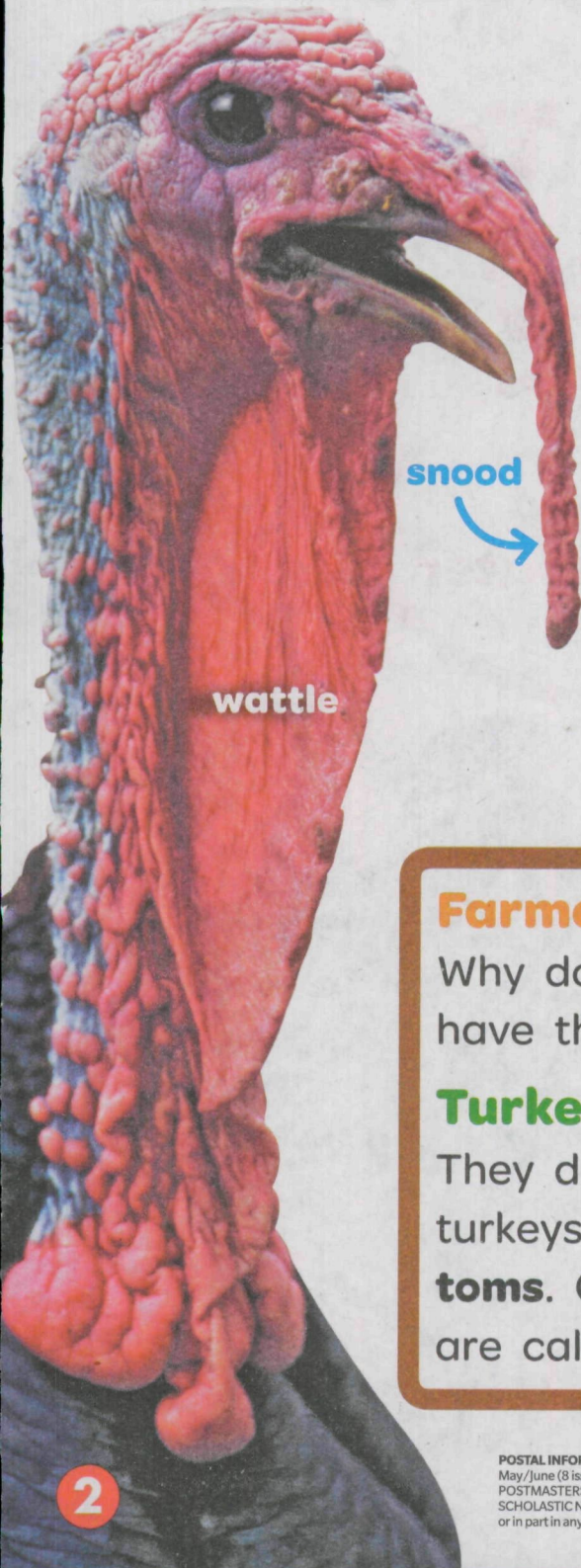
Hey, kids!
Let's read a
Readers' Theater
play.



Act Out a Turkey Play



Call on a pair of students to perform each section.



Farmer 1: The way that turkeys walk is called a waddle.

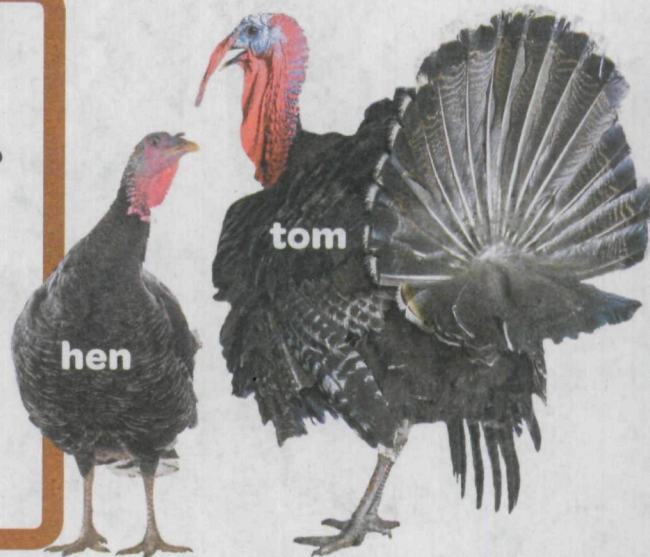
Turkey 1: But my **wattle** is something different! It's the red skin on my throat.

Farmer 1: But what's that skin hanging from your beak? Is that a wattle too?

Turkey 1: No, silly! That's my **snood**.

Farmer 2:
Why do all turkeys have the name Tom?

Turkey 2:
They don't! Only boy turkeys are called **toms**. Girl turkeys are called **hens**.





Farmer 3: Hey, turkey. Get out of that nest. You've been sitting there all day.

Turkey 3: Well, I'm keeping my **clutch** of eggs warm. A clutch is a group of turkey eggs. I laid 12 of them!



Farmer 4: Come here, baby turkey!

Turkey 4: Hey, the right name for a baby turkey is a **poult**. We learn to fly when we are only two weeks old. Peep, peep!

Farmer 5: Hey, turkey! Your feathers are hanging out!

Turkey 5: That's my **beard**. A beard is a group of feathers on a turkey's chest. How would you feel if I made fun of *your* beard? Gobble, gobble.



Read the news story. Then answer the questions below.

NEWS FLASH!**Turkeys on the Town**

Most turkeys live in the forest. But some turkeys go into towns!

This turkey went into a town in Massachusetts. It was looking for food to eat. Gobble, gobble!



Wild turkeys can be four feet tall. That's as tall as a second-grader!

1. Where do most turkeys live?

2. In what state was this turkey?

3. Why was the turkey in town?

4. How tall can turkeys grow to be?

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