



## THUNDER AND CLUCK FRIENDS DO NOT EAT FRIENDS

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Thunder tries to scare Cluck, but it doesn't work. Have you ever stood up to someone who was trying to frighten you? What did you say? What happened?
- 2. What might have happened if Cluck ran away when Thunder roared?
- 3. Why do you think Thunder tries to avoid becoming friends with Cluck?
- 4. Do you relate more to Thunder or Cluck? Explain your answer.

## ACTIVITIES

1. **Creative writing:** By the end of the story, Cluck and Thunder agree to be friends. What do you think will happen next? Ask students to work in pairs to write and draw another story starring Thunder and Cluck.

Here are some questions to help them get started:

- What adventures might Thunder and Cluck have together?
- What other characters will they meet?
- What problems will they encounter?
- 2. **Science connection:** Do Thunder and Cluck resemble actual dinosaurs from long ago? Have students work with a partner to research which actual dinosaurs may have inspired these characters.