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A Number of Facts About Chickens

Complete the facts about chickens below by changing the **Roman** numerals (I, II, III...) to Arabic (1, 2, 3...). For help and hints, use the table below.

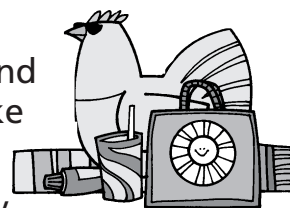
I	1	V	5	IX	9	XIII	13	XVII	17	XXX	30	LXX	70
II	2	VI	6	X	10	XIV	14	XVIII	18	XL	40	LXXX	80
III	3	VII	7	XI	11	XV	15	XIX	19	L	50	XC	90
IV	4	VIII	8	XII	12	XVI	16	XX	20	LX	60	C	100

Chickens live in family groups called flocks. They can recognize and remember **C** ___ other chickens. They communicate with various sounds. Chicks have **XII** ___ different calls. Adult chickens have **XXII** ___.

At the head of each flock is a male chicken, a rooster. A rooster can recognize the call of at least **XXX** ___ other roosters. He protects his flock from enemies. He also helps hens find good nesting spots. Together, a rooster and hen build a nest of grass, hay, sticks, and dirt.

Once her eggs are laid, a hen carefully turns them up to **XXX** ___ times a day. That keeps them exactly the right temperature so that the babies develop normally. About **II** ___ days after an egg is laid, a chick has a brain and a beating heart. By day **V** ___, the chick can move around in the shell. Chicks hatch after about **III** ___ weeks (**XXI** ___ days).

Hens are protective moms who bravely defend their babies. They teach them to scratch in the dirt for worms and bugs. Chickens spend about **LIII** ___ percent of their time searching for food. They also like sunbathing. At naptime, they fly to perches off the ground.



In the wild, chickens can live **VIII** ___ years. To live comfortably, they need room to roam. (These birds really go: They can run **IX** ___ miles an hour!) Be a chum to chickens. Spread the word about these terrific birds.

On the back, illustrate a fact from this page.