Chick and Duck were best friends.

Chick raced past a hedge and a big rock. He checked his watch. “Oh, no!” Chick said. “It is almost twelve o’clock!”

The big clock struck twelve. Chick made it—just in time!
Duck always watched the clock.
He was never late.

They had matching hats, matching jackets, and matching socks.
Everything matched except one thing.

Chick put the fudge in a sack.
He ran out the door.

At home Chick cooked the fudge.
He stirred and stirred. The timer rang.
At last the fudge was done!
One day Chick and Duck decided to meet on the dock for a snack.

Chick never watched the clock. He was always late.

At the dock Duck waited with the milk. He waited and waited.

Chick went home to make some fudge. But fudge takes a long time to cook!
Duck got some milk. Then he went to the dock. He was not on time — he was early!

"We will meet at noon," said Duck. "I will not be late!" said Chick.

"I will bring some milk," said Duck.

"I will bring a snack," said Chick.