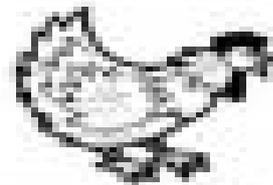
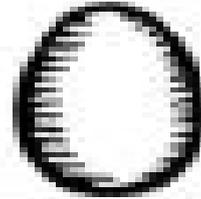


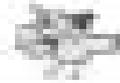
Chicken or the Egg



One day, a very learned scholar came to Emperor Akbar's court. He had heard a lot about Birbal's wisdom and wanted to test him. He challenged Birbal to answer his questions. Birbal agreed. The scholar said, "Would you like to answer a hundred easy questions or just one difficult question?" Birbal had a trick up his sleeve and wanted to go home early. "I'm ready to answer one difficult question," he said. "All right, as you wish," said the scholar. "Now, answer this riddle. Which came first - the chicken or the egg?" "The chicken," replied Birbal, without hesitation. "How do you know?" the scholar cried out in amazement. "He had agreed to only one question," replied Birbal and walked away smiling.

1) Read the text and answer the questions.

a) Who came to Akbar's court one day?



b) What did the learned scholar want?

The learned scholar wanted _____

c) What choice did he offer Birbal?

He said that Birbal could _____

d) What did he ask Birbal?

He asked Birbal _____

e) What did Birbal do to show that he was indeed clever?

Birbal _____

