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Just Ducks!

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They're STILL eating when I cross
the bridge to go to school.



I look down and
see them swimming
about, dabbling at the
surface ...

and upending
to reach food that's
under water. Brrrr,
it looks so
cold!

“Upending” is when ducks
push their heads right
under the surface to eat
water plants and creatures
like snails.

“Dabbling” is when ducks nibble at the surface
of the water with their beaks to get tiny bits
of food – small insects and seeds.



We visit the ducks on the way home from school in the afternoon. When the weather's very cold, they're still hungry!

I go down to the water and even though they're wild birds, they come close, just to see if I've got any food for them!

Although ducks can't live on bread alone, it can help to keep their tummies full when times are tough.

Ducks need more food when it's cold, and in some places people feed ducks on bread in harsh weather.