A lot happens before an egg gets from a farm to your plate! First, an egg farmer gathers eggs. Some farmers have machines that collect eggs. Some farmers get the eggs by hand.

Next, the eggs are washed. After the eggs are clean, the farmer checks them. He looks at the shells. He looks inside the eggs, but he does not break them. How does he see what’s inside? Special lights help him see.

If the eggs look good, he puts them in cartons. He puts large eggs with large eggs. He puts small eggs with small eggs.

The eggs are packed on trucks that keep them cool. The trucks take the eggs to stores. Then people buy the eggs and take them home!

1. Circle the word **gathers**. Circle the word below with the same meaning.
   - plants
   - cooks
   - collects
   - gives

2. How does the farmer sort the eggs? Explain.
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3. Underline the first sentence. Write three details that support it.
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1. Collects
2. The farmer sorts the eggs by size.
3. Answers will vary but should include three facts from the passage.