

Read the information below and then answer the questions.

Baby Birds

In the spring birds build their nests. They often use things like twigs and moss. They make the inside soft and warm.

When the nest is finished the female bird lays her eggs. Different sorts of birds lay eggs of different sizes and colours. Sometimes they are speckled and sometimes they are plain. Usually the female bird sits on the eggs for hours to keep them warm and safe. Her mate, the male bird, brings her food so she doesn't have to leave the eggs.

Every egg has a yolk and in each yolk is a tiny spot from which the chick will grow. While it is growing, the baby bird will get food from the yolk and water from the white part around the yolk.

Slowly the chick begins to grow wings, feet and a beak. When it is ready to hatch, it pecks a hole in the shell with its beak and breaks it open.

When they are hatched the chicks are small and helpless and always seem hungry. They make a lot of noise. Later their feathers begin to grow and they get bigger and stronger. Soon they will be ready to leave the nest and fly away.

1. Put these in the right order. The first one has been done for you.

When the chicks are hatched they make a lot of noise.

They always seem to be hungry.

The female bird sits on the eggs for hours.

In spring time birds build their nests.

Birds use twigs and moss to build their nests.

As the chick hatches it pecks through a hole in the shell

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2. When do birds build their nests?

They build their nests in _____.

(1)

3. What sort of things do birds use to build their nests?

They use _____ to build their nests.

(1)

4. Which bird usually sits on the eggs to keep them warm?

The _____ bird sits on the eggs.

(1)

5. What job does the male bird do to help the female bird?

(1)

6. Where does the baby bird get its food when it is growing in the egg?

(1)

7. What does the baby bird do when it is ready to hatch?

(2)

8. Do baby birds have feathers when they first hatch?

(1)

9. What are baby birds like when they first hatch?

They are _____, _____, _____ and
_____.

(2)

10. Why do you think birds build their nests in the spring?

(2)

11. What dangers do you think baby birds might face?

(2)

12. Write down the name of two birds you might see in your garden.

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