



Bird Families and Human Kindness

A. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: nest kindness warm chick incubation

1. A baby bird that has just hatched from an egg is called a _____.
2. Parent birds build a _____ to keep their eggs and babies safe.
3. The process of sitting on eggs to keep them warm until they hatch is called _____.
4. Leaving out fresh water for birds is an act of _____.
5. A bird's feathers help it to fly and also to stay _____.

B. Match the Following;

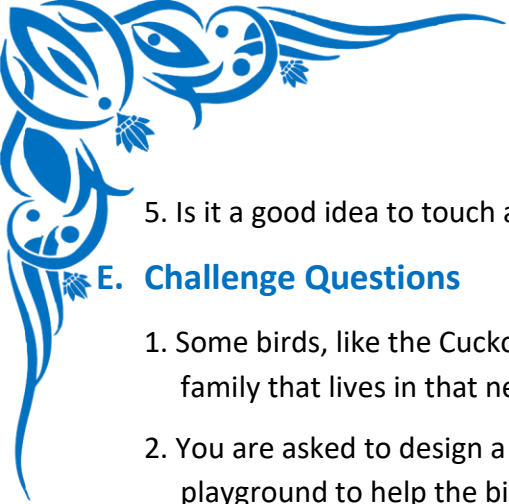
Column A (Characteristic)	Column B (Description)
1. Grow	A. A home built for eggs and chicks
2. Wings	B. A baby bird
3. Nest	C. A tool for eating, building, and cleaning
4. Chick	D. An act of kindness to help birds drink
5. Water Bowl	E. Used for flying and balance

C. Practice Problems

1. Why do parent birds sit on their eggs?
2. List two different materials a bird might use to build its nest. a. _____ b. _____
3. How do baby birds get food before they learn to fly?
4. Name two ways we can show kindness to birds in our neighborhood. a. _____ b. _____
5. Why is it important for a young bird to learn how to fly?

D. Warm-up Questions

1. What do we call a baby bird?
2. Where do most birds lay their eggs?
3. What is one job a parent bird does for its babies?
4. What part of its body does a bird use to eat and build its home?



5. Is it a good idea to touch a bird's nest if you find one? (Yes or No)

E. Challenge Questions

1. Some birds, like the Cuckoo, lay their eggs in another bird's nest. Why is this a problem for the bird family that lives in that nest?
2. You are asked to design a "bird-friendly" school playground. What are two things you would add to the playground to help the birds? Explain why. a. Feature: _____ Why it helps: _____
b. Feature: _____ Why it helps: _____
3. A sparrow has a short, strong beak for cracking seeds. A hummingbird has a long, thin beak. What do you think the hummingbird uses its beak for?
4. Why do you think parent birds eventually stop feeding their young once they can fly well?
5. A big storm destroys a robin's nest that had eggs in it. What do you think the parent robins might do next?

F. Word Problems & Application

1. Sam sees a tiny baby bird on the ground. It has very few feathers and cannot walk. What is the kindest and safest thing for Sam to do?
2. A tailorbird uses its beak like a needle to sew leaves together for its nest. If it uses 12 large leaves and 8 small leaves, how many leaves did it use in total?
3. A mother bluebird lays 4 eggs. All of them hatch! If she and the father bird must find 5 caterpillars for each chick every day, how many caterpillars do they need to find in one day?
4. Your class decides to put out a bird feeder. You have a bag of birdseed, a loaf of bread, and a chocolate bar. Which food should you put in the feeder? Why?
5. During a hot summer, there is no rain for many weeks. What is one simple thing you could do in your yard to help the birds? Explain why it helps them.

G. True or False

1. All birds build their nests high up in trees. _____
2. It is healthy for birds to eat human junk food. _____
3. Only the mother bird takes care of the baby chicks. _____
4. If you find a baby bird that can hop around, you should take it home. _____
5. Birds use their beaks only for eating. _____