



Birds Take Care of Their Young Ones

Laying and Guarding Eggs

Birds lay eggs in their nests. The parents guard the nest to protect the eggs.

Hatching

Hatching:

The process by which the egg shell breaks and a baby bird comes out.

The baby birds are:

- Tiny and weak.
- Without feathers.

Parental Care

The parent birds:

- Feed their babies.
- Protect them from enemies and bad weather.

Growth and Learning

The baby birds:

- Grow fast and become strong.
- Develop feathers.
- Learn to fly.
- Look for food on their own or with their parents' help.

Key Terms to Remember

- **Hatching:** The breaking of the egg shell when the baby bird comes out.
- **Parental care:** When birds feed, protect, and help their babies grow.