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LESSON
PART 1



LESSON-5

NESTING HABITS OF BIRDS

BEFORE WE PROCEED

- ❖ Where do birds live ?
- ❖ Where do sparrows and pigeons build their nests ?
- ❖ How does a tailor bird build its nest ?



SAY ALOUD

cotton, thread, enemies, prevent, entrance, cosy, guards

Let us find out more about living habits of birds

Birds build nests so that they have a place to lay eggs. They use cotton, thread, wood, twigs, dry leaves, hair, stones etc. to make their nests. Nests also protect the chicks and the parent birds from enemies and bad weather.

Let us look at the nests of some birds.

Weaver Bird

This bird uses its beak to weave the nest using dry strips of palm leaves. This hanging nest is deep enough to prevent the baby birds from falling. The entrance in the nest is from the lower end.



Tailor bird

The tailor bird stitches two leaves together with its beak using a thread or wood. The nest is made cosy with cotton, wool, soft fibre and hair.

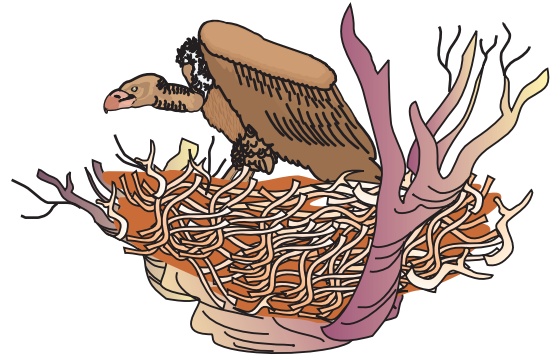
Woodpecker

The woodpecker pecks into the tree-trunk with its sharp beak and makes a hole. The hole is then lined with soft chips of wood to make its nest cosy.



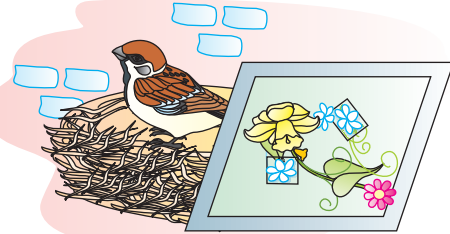
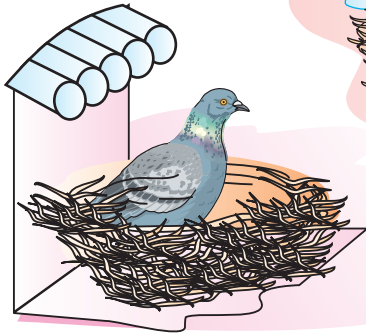
Vulture

The vulture collects a few sticks and puts them together high up on a large tree. The nest looks like a shallow cup.



Sparrows and Pigeons

Sparrows and pigeons build their nests on window-edges, ventilators and even on ceiling fans. They make untidy nests using twigs, grass, leaves, small pieces of cloth and feathers.



Cuckoo

A cuckoo does not build a nest at all. In fact, it lays its eggs in the nests of other birds. The other mother bird mostly crow hatches the eggs of the cuckoo along with its own eggs.

Penguin

Penguin collects small stones, pebbles and bones and puts them together to make its nest. It makes its nest on the ground.

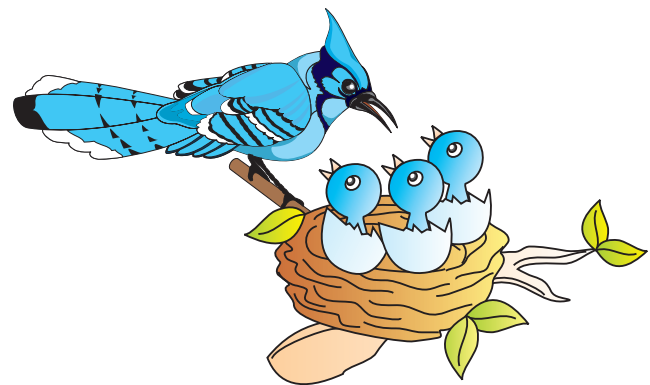


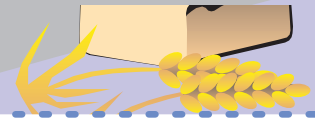
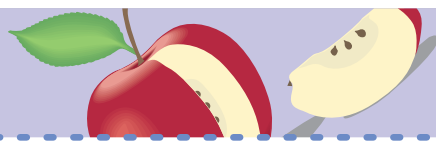
Do you know?

Kiwi is the only bird which locates its prey by smell.

Care of the Young Ones

Birds lay their eggs as soon as their nests are ready. The mother birds sit on the eggs to give warmth to the eggs. The father birds guard the nest and protect the eggs from enemies. The parents feed their young ones and look after them till they grow their own feathers and are ready to fly out into the outside world.





Key Ideas

- ★ Most birds build nests to live in.
- ★ Birds lay eggs in their nests.
- ★ The eggs are kept warm in the nests and are protected from enemies.
- ★ Birds mostly use grass, leaves, feathers, twigs, paper, cotton, wood etc. to build nests.
- ★ Baby birds are looked after by the parents till they can fly and live on their own.



LET'S WRITE TOGETHER



A. Answer these questions :

1. Why do birds build nests ?
2. Why do birds lay eggs in their nests ?
3. What materials do the sparrows use for building nests ?
4. How does a woodpecker make its nest ?
5. Why does a cuckoo lay its eggs in other bird's nest ?

B. Complete the sentences :

1. Birds build _____.
2. Nests also protect the _____.
3. The weaver bird uses its _____ to weave the nest.
4. The _____ in the weaver bird's nest is from the lower end.
5. The _____ stitches two leaves together to make its nest.

C. Name these :

1. A bird that does not build its own nest _____
2. A bird which makes nest on the window-edges _____
3. A bird which makes nest on the ground _____
4. A bird which makes a shallow cup like nest _____

D. Write 'T' for True and 'F' for False :

1. Sparrows and pigeons make nests on high trees.
2. Cuckoo builds its nest by weaving straws.
3. A pigeon is a lazy bird.
4. Woodpeckers live in holes in the tree-trunks.
5. The nest of a penguin swings in the breeze.



LET US DO

Solve the following puzzle :



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Bird having a nest of pebbles

Bird having a nest made of leaves

Lazy bird

Bird that makes its nest on ventilators

FUN Activity



Make greeting cards by pasting some beautiful feathers and send them to your friends.



GLOSSARY

- Prevent - to stop from happening
- Fibre - a material such as cloth or rope that is made from a mass of natural or artificial threads
- Cosy - warm, comfortable and safe
- Shallow - not having much distance between the top or surface and the bottom
- Hatch - to come out of an egg