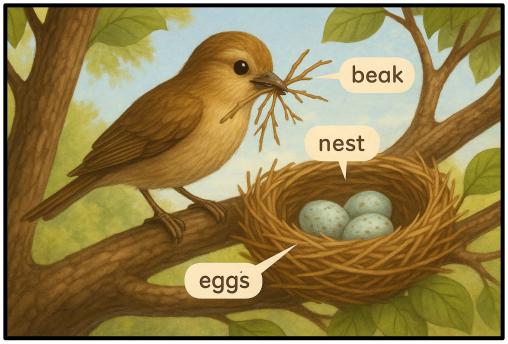
Read the short story and answer each question.



Where Do Birds Live?

Birds live in many different places. Some birds build nests in trees. Others nest on the ground.

A bird makes its nest using grass, twigs, or feathers. It uses its beak to carry the pieces.

The nest keeps the eggs safe. When the eggs hatch, the baby birds grow in the nest until they can fly.

Where Do Birds Live?

- 1. What is one thing the picture might show that the words describe?
 - A. The baby birds learning to read
 - B. A bird flying to another country
 - C. A bird building a nest with twigs
 - D. A bear hibernating

- 2. What is one thing the words tell you that the picture does NOT show?
- A. The sound a bird makes
- B. That birds use their beaks to carry things
- C. That birds live in caves
- D. That birds swim like fish

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The words in the passage tell us that nests keep the _____safe.

- 4. What do the words in the passage help you understand about birds and their nests?
- 5. What might the picture show that helps you learn something new about how birds build?

Parent and Teacher Guide

Guide Reading Level: E Lexile Level: 10L-160L

Grade Level: 1st Grade, Beginning of the Year

Genre: Informational (Life Science)

Introducing the Text

"Today we'll read about where birds live and how they build nests. We'll look closely at both the **words** and the **picture** to figure out what each one tells us. Good nonfiction readers learn from both!"

Vocabulary: nest, beak, hatch, twigs, fly

Before Reading Discussion Questions

- 1. What do you already know about birds or nests?
- Have you ever seen a bird build something?
- 3. How do pictures help us learn in nonfiction?

During Reading Discussion Questions

- 1. What does the text say birds use to build nests?
- What do the baby birds do in the nest?
- 3. What might we see in the picture?

After Reading Discussion Questions

- 1. What do you learn from the words that the picture doesn't show?
- 2. What do you learn from the picture that the words don't say?
- 3. Why is it helpful to use both words and pictures in nonfiction?

Activity Idea

Give students a two-column chart titled "What the Picture Shows" and "What the Words Say." After reading the passage and viewing the image, students list 2 things from each side. Then they explain how both help them understand bird nests better.

