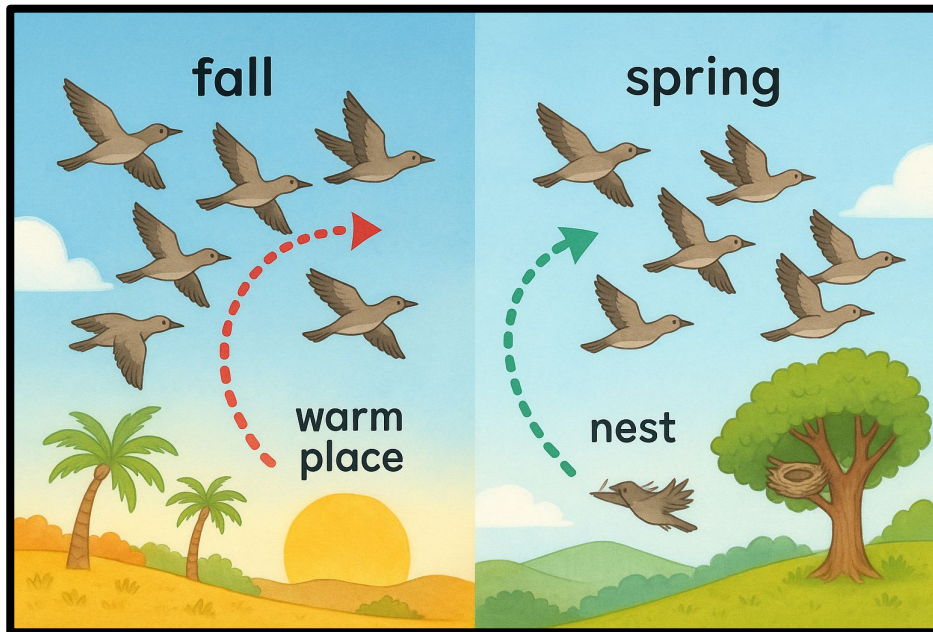


Reading Comprehension Worksheet: Main Topic

Read the short story and answer each question.



Why Do Birds Migrate?

Some birds fly very far each year. This is called migration.

In the fall, many birds fly south to warmer places. There, they can find food and water more easily.

In the spring, the birds fly north again. They return to their homes to build nests and lay eggs.

Birds that migrate follow the same paths every year. Some birds travel thousands of miles!

Migration helps birds stay safe and healthy. It lets them find what they need in every season.

Name: _____

Why Do Birds Migrate?

1. What is this text mostly about?

- A. How birds fly fast
- B. Why birds migrate
- C. Where birds sleep
- D. How birds eat worms

2. What happens in the spring?

- A. Birds take a nap
 - B. Birds go swimming
 - C. Birds fly north to lay eggs
 - D. Birds grow long tails
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3. Fill in the blank:

In the fall, birds fly to _____ places to find food and water.

4. What are two key details from the text that explain why birds migrate?

5. What do birds do after they return home in the spring?



Parent and Teacher Guide

Guide Reading Level: G

Lexile Level: 165L-305L

Grade Level: 1st Grade, Middle of the Year

Genre: Informational Text (Animal Science)

Introducing the Text

"Today we are reading a nonfiction passage about bird migration. As we read, we'll figure out the main topic and pay attention to key details that help us understand what birds do and why they do it."

Vocabulary: migrate, season, nest, travel, return

Before Reading Discussion Questions

1. Have you seen birds flying in big groups?
 2. What do you think migration means?
 3. Why might birds want to move from place to place?
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During Reading Discussion Questions

1. Where do birds go in the fall?
 2. Why do they fly back in the spring?
 3. What does the word 'migrate' mean in the passage?
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After Reading Discussion Questions

1. What is the main idea of the passage?
 2. What are two details that helped you learn more about migration?
 3. How do these facts help you understand birds better?
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Activity Idea

Give students a migration map showing a bird flying from the north to the south and back. Have them label "fall" and "spring" with arrows and write one sentence under each to explain what birds are doing in that season. Then they can retell the passage using their map.

