bottle holes sticks

Read the short story and answer each question.

How to Make a Bird Feeder

string

tree branch

Do you want to help birds find food? You can make your own bird feeder!

First, find a clean plastic bottle. Ask an adult to help you cut two small holes near the bottom.

Next, push two sticks through the holes. These will be perches for the birds.

Then, make another hole a little higher. Use a spoon to fill the bottle with birdseed.

After that, tie a string around the top of the bottle.

Last, hang the bottle on a tree branch where you can see it.

Soon, birds may come to eat!

birdseed

Use a notebook to draw or write down the birds you see.



How to Make a Bird Feeder

- 1. What does the picture of the bottle and stick show?
 - A. How to clean the bottle
 - B. How to drink water from the bottle
 - C. How to add the perches to the bird feeder
 - D. How to make a toy out of a bottle

- 2. What does the last picture in the story help you understand?
- A. What color the string should be
- B. How to hang the bird feeder in a safe place
- C. What kind of birdseed to use
- D. What trees need to grow

3. Fill in the blank:	
Use a	to fill the bottle with birdseed.
4. How do the step-by-step pictures help you follow the directions?	
5. What would happen if the illustrations were missing from the steps?	

Parent and Teacher Guide

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Grade Level: 1st Grade, Middle of the Year **Genre:** Nonfiction – Procedural / How-To

Introducing the Text

"Today we're going to read a how-to text that teaches us how to make a bird feeder. As we read, we'll look carefully at the pictures and the words to understand each step and how they work together."

Vocabulary: feeder, perch, birdseed, branch, string

Before Reading Discussion Questions

- 1. Have you ever seen a bird feeder before?
- 2. What do you think birds eat?
- 3. Why might someone want to feed birds?

During Reading Discussion Questions

- 1. What do the pictures help you understand about the steps?
- 2. How do the words and pictures show how to make a perch?
- 3. How can you tell the feeder is ready to hang?

After Reading Discussion Questions

- 1. Why are the illustrations helpful in this kind of text?
- 2. What could happen if you skipped a step?
- 3. Can you explain how you would make a bird feeder to someone else?

Activity Idea

Provide students with clean plastic bottles, wooden sticks, birdseed, string, and spoons. In small groups, follow the story's directions to build real bird feeders. Afterward, have students draw a diagram of their feeder and label the parts using vocabulary from the story.

