

The Bird's Nest

Story By: Andrew Frinkle



Sherry found a bird nest in her backyard one day. It was in the tree next to her house.

There were three white eggs in it. She wanted to see them hatch. The mother bird kept the eggs warm.

Sherry liked to watch the nest. She came home from school very quickly to see the eggs. For many days there was no change.

One day the eggs had hatched. There were three grey little birds in the nest. They were not cute birds. They had almost no feathers. They cried for their mother.

Mother came back and fed them. She fed them often to make them big and strong. One day the birds were finally pretty. They had nice feathers. They were bigger and stronger. Now they wanted to fly.

Sherry watched them practice flying. They flapped their wings and cried. Their mother tried to get them out of the nest. The birds were scared, but they had to try.

The first one jumped out of the nest. He flapped his wings. He was flying! The other two tried also. Now they were all flying. All three of them could fly with their mother.

Sherry watched the four birds fly away. She was happy, but she was sad, too. She was happy they could fly, but she was sad that they were leaving.

Maybe they would come back some day...

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 - B. a nest with eggs
 - C. a kitten
 - D. toys

2. Why does Sherry like to come home from school early?
 - A. to watch TV
 - B. to eat cookies
 - C. to watch the birds
 - D. to practice piano

3. What happens to the eggs after many days?
 - A. The eggs are gone.
 - B. The eggs hatch.
 - C. The eggs are broken.
 - D. A cat ate the eggs.

4. Why does Sherry feel sad when the birds fly away?
 - A. She will miss them.
 - B. She is scared of them.
 - C. Someone might catch them.
 - D. They are chasing her.

5. Why is Sherry happy when the birds fly away?
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