

Birds Lay Eggs in Spring

Spring is one of the four seasons. It comes after winter and before fall.



You will notice many changes
that happen in the **spring**.



The weather gets **warmer**, melting the snow and allowing flowers and plants to grow.



Birds begin gathering twigs and leaves so that they can build their nests.



Once they build their nests, they can lay their eggs. These blue eggs were laid by a mother robin.



Birds lay their **eggs** in spring
for many reasons.



Winter's weather is too cold. There is not enough food such as bugs and plants for birds in winter.



Also, birds need to ***incubate*** their eggs or keep them warm. It is too cold in winter to do this.



Although the weather is warm enough in **summer** and **fall**, birds still choose to lay their eggs in **spring**.



This is because there is not enough time
for the baby birds to grow and develop in
summer and **fall**.



Baby birds are *helpless* for many weeks. That means that they need their parents to help them **survive**.



Many baby birds cannot see when they are born.



It takes most baby birds weeks to learn how to fly.



They also need their **parents**
to feed them.



It takes a long time for baby birds to grow and learn to take care of themselves, so spring is the perfect time for mother birds to lay their eggs.



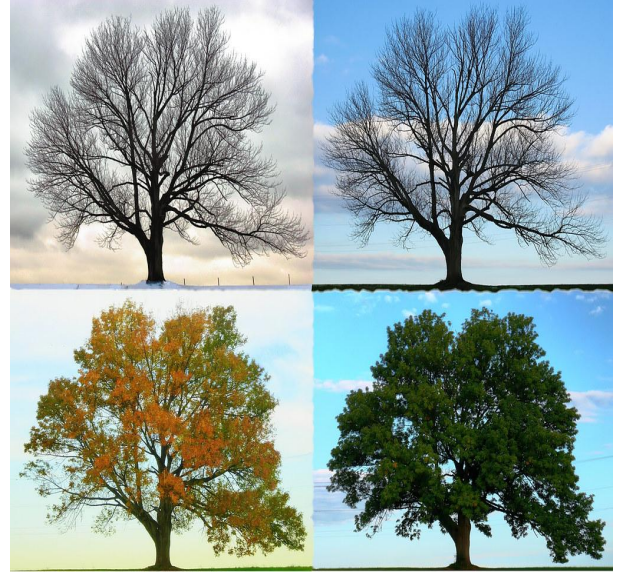
Answer Questions: *Birds*
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1. **What** is one change that happens in spring?

A. Leaves fall off the trees.

B. Plants and flowers grow.

C. Animals hibernate in trees and dens.



2. **When** do most birds make nests?

A. in summer

B. in winter

C. in spring



3. According to this text, **how** do birds build their nests?

- A. They use twigs and leaves.
- B. They get help from humans.
- C. They peck a hole in the tree.



4. **Why** can't birds lay eggs in winter?

- A. There isn't enough room in the trees.
- B. It is too cold.
- C. Some animals hibernate in winter.



What does the word ***incubate*** mean?

A. to fall out of the nest.

B. to lay eggs.

C. to keep warm.



5. **Which** sentence shows that baby birds are *helpless*?

- A. Baby birds don't know how to fly.
- B. Baby birds can't see right away.
- C. Baby birds need their parents to feed them.
- D. All of these sentences show that baby birds are helpless.

