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TREETOP HOMES

You can learn a lot about a bird by the nest it built. Nests are made of different materials. They may be built of leave, feathers, grass, moss, cobwebs, twigs, eggshells, even string, wire, and newspaper. It depends on the environment the bird lives.



Whether the nest is simple or complex, the nest tells us something about the bird that built it.

1. Imagine that someone showed you a bird's nest that was made mostly of hay. What conclusion might you draw about the bird that built the nest?

- ☐ The bird is a red-throated hummingbird.
- ☐ The bird lives near a farm or field.
- ☐ The bird eats hay.
- ☐ The bird lives near the seashore.

2. Write T for **true** or F for **false** next to each statement below.

All bird's nests are made of different materials. ☐

The materials a bird uses in its nest can tell you something about the bird's environment. ☐

Birds that live near cities don't build nest. ☐

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3. The nest of these dove birds are different. Why do you think this is so?



- ☐ Some birds don't have time to build nests, so they take what is available.
- ☐ The birds live in different places, so the material they gather are not exactly the same.
- ☐ The birds have different nest building capabilities.

4. What do you observe about the nest this bower bird is building?



- ☐ This bird is very creative.
- ☐ This bird has courtship behaviour that is unique.
- ☐ This bird likes to live in extravagant looking nest.
- ☐ This is a nesting bird.
- ☐ This bird is building a nest to raise its chicks.