

Use the code to find out which kind of bird lays each type of egg.

A = 24	I = 16	Q = 8
B = 23	J = 15	R = 7
C = 22	K = 14	S = 6
D = 21	L = 13	T = 5
E = 20	M = 12	U = 4
F = 19	N = 11	V = 3
G = 18	O = 10	W = 2
H = 17	P = 9	Y = 1

WHAT DOES SPRING BRING?

BABY BIRDS



Spring is here! Birds are one of the most common signs of spring's arrival. In early spring they begin building nests, laying eggs and hatching the next generation.

Q: What should you do if you find a baby bird? Should you help it?

Replace the missing words.

SHELTER **HELP** **EXPERT** **RAISE** **FUN** **WORRY** **ILLEGAL**

A: The simple answer is **NO**. As much _____ as it would be to raise a baby bird of your own, it's best to let the young bird's parents _____ the little peeper. In fact, it's actually _____ for you to do so, and you could get a fine from your local wildlife management agency!

Since you can't raise a baby bird on your own, what should you do? Here are a few ideas:

Call a local wildlife _____ to help. They may take the bird and raise it properly.

With your parent's _____, put the bird back in its nest. (The old belief that mother birds won't accept a baby covered with a human's scent is false!)

If the bird is in an exposed area, coax it to move someplace that offers _____, such as under a bush. Some birds, including killdeer and some waterfowl, actually lay their eggs on the ground, so don't _____ about them!

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple, written directions.

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Extra! Extra! Signs of Spring

Look through the newspaper for pictures, words and illustrations that show it is Spring. Cut these out and make a poster all about Spring!

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

What do baby birds eat?

The main goal of every baby bird is to eat, eat and eat some more. Since they are growing, they need lots of protein to build new muscles and grow flight feathers. Some parent birds are known to bring food hundreds of times each day to the nest – something you definitely don't have time to do. That's why you need to leave feeding baby birds to their parents!

When is lunch?

Bird Menu

Different kinds of birds eat different kinds of food. Do the math to find out what each kind of bird eats.



19

Bald Eagle



17

Hummingbird



16

American Goldfinch



18

Northern Cardinal

11 + 5 = seeds
11 + 7 = insects and spiders
29 - 10 = fish, small animals
31 - 11 = earthworms
21 - 4 = flower nectar, bug slurry

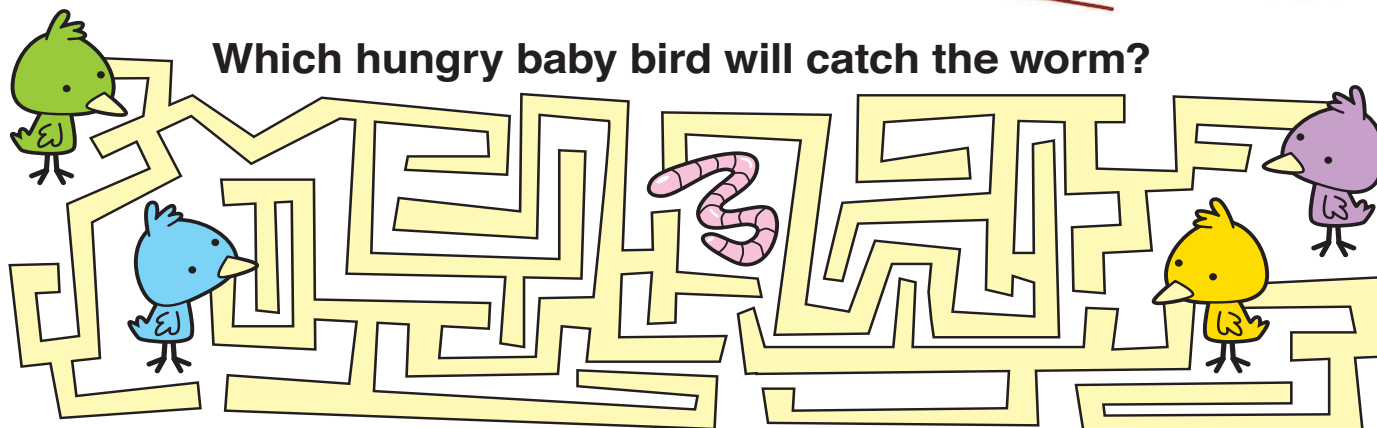


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American Robin

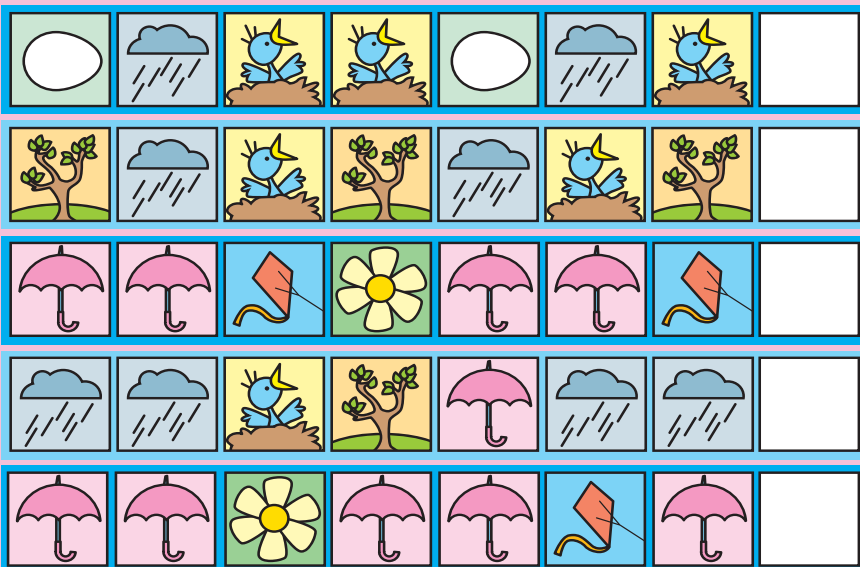
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Which hungry baby bird will catch the worm?



Kid Scoop Puzzler

Draw what comes next in each row to continue the spring pattern.



Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

- GENERATION
- WILDLIFE
- HATCHING
- EXPOSED
- ADVICE
- SPRING
- EXPERT
- GROUND
- BIRDS
- NESTS
- RAISE
- ALONE
- LOTS
- LAY
- OWN



Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Stages of Life

Look through the newspaper to show animals and/or things in different stages of their lives. For example, you might find pictures of a seed, a young plant and an older plant. Try to find at least two pictures showing two stages.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.



Write On!

Signs of Spring

When you go out for a walk, what are the signs of spring that you notice?

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