

Birds' Nests

Complete the Sentence

Instructions: Using the word bank below, complete the following paragraph about birds and their nests. Be careful: not all of the vocabulary words are used in the paragraph.



Word Bank

beaks	nests	eggs
fledge	rocks	moss
lichen	feathers	saliva
instinct	webs	flock

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Since birds don't understand what they are doing, they work entirely on _____,

or the knowledge they are born with. Chaffinches build the foundation of their nests—

called cup nests—out of many different materials, including the _____ of

spiders! They fill in the nest with grass, a fungus called _____, and

_____.

Another type of bird, the song thrush, lines the inside of its nest with a “mud pie”

mixture that includes _____ and bird droppings. This bird clearly knows how to

recycle! When the mud mixture dries, the nest becomes hard, making it a great place

for the bird to store her _____.

Other birds, such as the redstarts, make their nests out of their own _____;

sometimes they even take them off the back of another bird. Talk about resourceful!

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Answer Key

Different types of birds build many different types of **nests** to live in. Since birds don't understand what they are doing, they work entirely on **instinct**, or the knowledge they are born with. Chaffinches build the foundation of their nests—called cup nests—out of many different materials, including the **webs** of spiders! They fill in the nest with grass, a fungus called **lichen**, and **moss**.

Another type of bird, the song thrush, lines the inside of its nest with a “mud pie” mixture that includes **saliva** and bird droppings. This bird clearly knows how to recycle! When the mud mixture dries, the nest becomes hard, making it a great place for the bird to store her **eggs**.

Other birds, such as the redstarts, make their nests out of their own **feathers**; sometimes they even take them off the back of another bird. Talk about resourceful!