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🔊 Look at the birds.

They will have **baby** birds soon.

🔊 They will build a nest to keep the babies safe.



🔊 Look at the nest.

The birds use mud
to build their nest.

🔊 They may come back to
the nest for many **years**.



- ▶ Look at the mother bird.
She lays eggs.
- ▶ The mother and father
keep the eggs warm **until**
the babies hatch.



🔊 Look at the eggs.

An egg **begins** to move.

🔊 A baby bird is inside.

The baby bird cracks
the shell with its beak.



- ▶ Look at the baby birds. They are hungry!
- ▶ The mother and father catch bugs to feed their little birds.



- 🔊 Look at all the birds.
They sleep in the nest
at night.
- 🔊 There may be **eight**
birds in a nest.



- ▶ The mother bird calls for help if she sees danger.
- ▶ Other birds come to help. They come to help keep the babies safe.



- ▶ Look at the little birds.
Now they have feathers.
- ▶ They are **learning** to fly!
They **follow** each other
from tree to tree.



- ▶ Look at the **young** birds.
They are ready
to fly away!
- ▶ Soon they will build
their own nests.

Responding

WORDS TO KNOW **Word Builder**

What do **baby** birds need to grow?

Talk About It

Text to Text Think of another story about baby animals. How are baby birds different from other baby animals?



WORDS TO KNOW

baby

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years

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TARGET STRATEGY

Visualize

Picture what is happening as you read.

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Science

Strategy:

Visualize

Word Count: 180

1.5.22 Build Vocabulary

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