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HOUGHTON MIFFLIN

BOSTON

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Most birds make nests.

Some bird nests are shaped like a cup or a ball.

Many other animals make nests, too.

They all make nests to keep their babies safe.



Some nests are big, and some nests are small.

A hummingbird makes the smallest nest of all.

You could hold it in one hand.



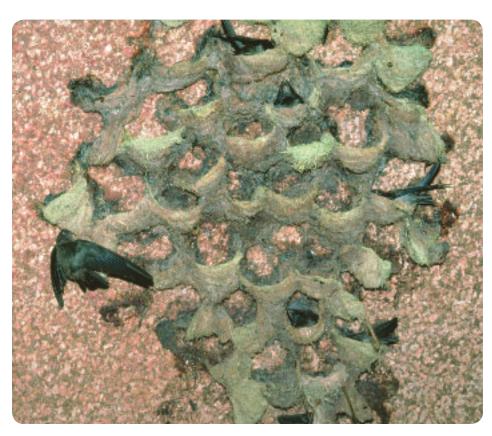
Eagles make the biggest nests of all.An eagle's nest can weigh as much as a car!



Some nests hang from high branches.
 Some nests sit on the ground.
 Adelie penguins use rocks to make their nests on the ground.
 Sometimes they steal rocks from other penguins!



Swiflets are birds that make their nests in caves.
Some people use parts of these nests in a Chinese soup called Bird's Nest Soup!



An alligator also makes a nest on the ground.

It builds the nest out of grass and mud.

Sometimes an alligator lays 70 eggs in the nest!



Animals make nests from all kinds of things.

Some birds make nests by winding and weaving grass with their beaks. In the spring, insects called queen paper wasps come out of hollow logs or deep holes.

They make nests that look like soft paper.



Some fish make nests out of bubbles.

They make their nests in a pond and put their eggs inside bubbles.

Then the eggs don't break.



You can find nests in many places, in lots of shapes and sizes.

Nests are beautiful and surprising.



Responding

TARGET VOCABULARY Word Builder

The letters -est at the end of deepest show that the word means "most deep." Copy the chart. Add -est to the words, and think of their meaning.

Word	-est Form
deep	deepest
small	?

Write About It

Text to World Write a few sentences about a nest made by an insect, a bird, or an animal. Where is the nest? Who lives in it? Use words from the Word Builder.

TARGET VOCABULARY

beaks hang
branches pond
break shaped
deepest winding

TARGET STRATEGY Question Ask questions about what you are reading.

You might _____ decorations from the branches of a tree.

Level: I
DRA: 16
Science
Strategy:
Question

Word Count: 270

2.2.6 Build Vocabulary

Online Leveled Books





