Main Idea and Details + Author's Purpose

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Directions: Read the passage and answer the questions.



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1. What is the main idea?

A. Mother birds lay eggs in nests where they are safe.
B. Little birds hatch from the eggs.
C. They use hay or mud to build their nests

2. Which of the following is a supporting detail?

A. Little birds hatch from the eggs.
B. They cheep and cheep until their parents bring them food.
C. Birds eat fruits, worms, and nuts.
D. The use hay or mud to build their nests
E. All of the above.

3. What is the author's purpose?

A. To *persuade* us about birds.
B. To *inform,* or describe to about birds.
C. To *entertain* us about birds.

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