Main Idea and Details + Author's Purpose

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Directions: Read the passage and answer the questions.



Mother birds lay eggs in nests where they are safe. Little birds hatch from the eggs. Father and mother birds bring them worms and nuts to eat. They build their nests in tall trees. Other animals cannot eat them because they are in high trees.

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. Mother and father birds bring them worms to eat.
- C. The use hay to build their nests.
- D. They build the nests in tall trees.
- E. All of the above

3. What is the author's purpose?

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

