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SPARROWS

House sparrows are often seen in a neighborhood in the city. They like to live where there are a lot of people. They do not like to live in the country.

The female looks like she is wearing a brown cap on her head. Black streaks run down her brown back.

Male house sparrows look like they are wearing gray caps on their heads. They have a black bib under their chin, just like a baby. They have a rusty brown body. Black streaks run down the back of the male house sparrow.

Vacant lots which have dried plants or tree limbs are the perfect place for house sparrows. They love to build their nests in old trees or in empty corners. House sparrows nibble seeds that they find in the weeds or grass.

They may make nests with string or paper. These little birds pull and tear the paper. They weave it in with sticks. They love to stop and eat food out of bird feeders that hang on balconies. House sparrows will also take baths in birdbaths that people put out in front of their apartments or buildings.

Keep your eyes peeled if you live in the city. Chances are, you might see a house sparrow parading past!

STORY QUESTIONS

1. What is the main idea of this passage?
 - a. to teach you how house sparrows eat
 - b. to teach you the life span of a house sparrow
 - c. to teach you to identify a sparrow in the city
 - d. to teach you how to keep house like a sparrow
2. Where do house sparrows **NOT** live?

a. in vacant lots	c. in nests made in dried plants
b. in the city	d. in the country
3. The author's purpose for this passage is . . .

a. to inform.	c. to entertain.
b. to persuade.	d. to make you sad.
4. In the text above, "keep your eyes peeled" means . . .
 - a. watch carefully.
 - b. make sure you wear make-up on your eyes.
 - c. use a potato peeler.
 - d. pay attention on rainy days.