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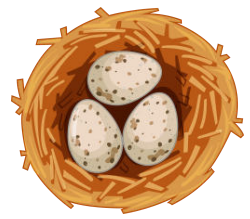
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Read the story below and then answer the comprehension questions on the next page.

The journey of the tiny house sparrow began in a cozy nest made of dry grass, lovingly lined with feathers, hair, string, and paper. The nest was nestled in dense hedges along a lovely lane in Hampshire's countryside. Both parents took turns incubating the dark brown speckled eggs until day 14- hatching day!

The tough shell was no match for the tiny bird's temporary egg tooth, a small bump on the tip of its bill that would be reabsorbed after hatching. After a few days of rocking back and forth like a boat on the sea, a small crack appeared. The hatchling pushed and wiggled until it finally broke through, gasping for air.



Fourteen days later, the little sparrow began to fledge. Its soft, brown feathers resembled the bark of the tree. Even though it couldn't feed itself yet, its dedicated father continued to feed it diligently. With each passing day, the sparrow grew stronger and more curious. It chirped and sang like a miniature orchestra, hopping around the nest to practice balance and coordination."

After a couple of weeks of practice jumps out of the nest, the fledgling was finally ready for its first solo flight. It flapped its wings with great effort, resembling a butterfly emerging from its cocoon, and soared into the sky.

Despite the strong winds, the sparrow soared higher and higher like a rocket headed for the moon. It confidently flew over fields and through forests, enjoying the warmth of the sun on its feathers and the thrill of embarking on a new journey in life.



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READING COMPREHENSION

Tick the true statements and cross out the false ones.

1

Both parents took turns incubating the eggs.

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2

The little sparrow fed itself when it began to fledge.

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The fledgling practiced balance and coordination by hopping.

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It was ready for its first flight two weeks after hatching.

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Explain what is meant by the following description:

"Its soft, brown feathers resembled the bark of the tree."

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Answer the question below using complete sentences.

How important is the role of parents in the development of birds, and what are some of the responsibilities they have in raising their young

What challenges do baby birds face during their early days of life?

